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SNOW CAPS . . . the Medina County Courthouse in 1973, some 80 years after construction first began on the edifice. The present courthouse has been remodeled twice since its construction in 1893. First, the new wings were added to the east and west. In 1943, the dome and clocktower were removed, and Courthouse took on its present appearance. [Photo By Ted Mendoza]

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Issue dedicated to 125 th Anniversary of the county

History of Medina County dates back for 125 years as an organized, official county community, and some of that history is captured in this week's Anvil Herald.

"The salute to Medina County is far from complete, but time and resources will allow only so much, thus the dedication to forefathers and events is as complete as we could possibly make it," said Publisher Burnis Lawrence.

Pictures and stories throughout the paper and the advertisements tell the story of Medina County.

"We want to thank everyone who helped us make this issue possible," the publisher said. "Without them, we could not have achieved this goal."

Extra copies of this 125th Medina County Anniversary issue are available at the Anvil Herald office at 10 cents per copy, plus postage if they are mailed.

SPARKS

By Burnis K. Lawrence

"Forge thy tongue on an anvil of truth, and what flies up, though it be but a spark, shall have weight." --PINDAR

MEALS

. . .are always more enjoyable when shared with friends. Last Thursday proved this point again when I broke bread with Father Emmett Carolan in Schertz.

Although duties in his new pastoral assignment won't allow him to visit here often, Father Carolan holds an insatiable interest in what is happening in Hondo.

He wanted to know what the delay is in getting gates at local railway crossings. And he even suggested that should money be the stumbling block, he would be happy to contribute $10 toward a public fund to pay the city's 10 percent cost of the $28,000 each gate will cost.

He wanted to know if Kebo Ligon had signed with any school and took great pride in the information that Kebo signed with Tyler Junior College. He sent his congratulations, Kebo; and we would like to add those of all of us at the Anvil Herald.

Although he doesn't agree with all we say [and he never did], Father Emmett says he is and will continue to be an avid Anvil Herald reader.

And with a compliment like that, I still let him pay the bill on a good steak. Sorry, Father, my time will come.

WE DO NOT CLAIM

. . . that this salute to the 125th Anniversary of Medina County is complete. We would have liked it to be a better presentation.

But we are certain of one thing: Without the help of these persons we could not have accomplished what we did:

Rocky Sedgwick, Dr. O. B. Taylor, Martin Noonan, Mrs. Josie Finger, Mrs. Roberta Brown, Mrs. Laura Windrow, Rothe Carle, Ted Mendoza, Joe Fohn [the younger one], the Reverend Cyril Matthew Kuehne, S. M. in his book "Ripples from Medina Lake," Russell Chapman, Leroy Miller, Tony Mendoza, Winnie Braden, Wanda Neuman, Mrs. Betty Haile, Amy Johnson and our advertisers.

I LAMBASTED

. . . President Nixon last week on his plan to rebuild North Vietnam.

This week I want to get on his side and agree with his stand to deny amnesty to all persons who fled to other countries to avoid serving in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam conflict.

They are the traitors to our country as far as I am concerned.

I don't care which of the multi-faced reasons they give to excuse their actions. They still ran like rats and that is exactly how I feel they should be treated.

Now, I would agree to authorizing the President to load them on a C5 cargo plane and drop them off in Hanoi if the countries who took them in are tired of them now. I believe a life under Communist rule would quickly make them wish they had had more guts and fought for the Country that has given them more freedom than they'll ever find anywhere else in the world.

But as for them coming back to the United States. I say never. They have made their choice. Let them stay with it.

MUSEUM DAY PLANS

. . . will be discussed in detail Monday night at the Medina Electric Cooperative Building and all organizations should have a representative there to help arrive at decision.

Bill Green tells me Rep. John Poerner has agreed to present awards to Champion Chili Cookers that day. And when he does

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Telelphones show big increase

The number of telephones in service -- a barometer of community growth -- climbed to more than 2,993 in Hondo as of December 1, 1972.

The figure was released by Brad Carroll, Southwestern Bell Manager, who said it represents an increase of 4.4 percent in telephone growth for the city in 1972.

"Because of telephone growth in cities such as Hondo, Southwestern Bell in 1972 became the largest telephone company in the Bell System and the largest non-government owned phone company in the world," the manager said. Southwestern Bell serves more than 11,477,000 phones in a territory composed of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and a small portion of Illinois.

Carroll said telephone growth is expected to continue at a healthy pace. The company forecasts that there will be 3,930 telephones in Hondo by the end of 1976.

To meet growth in Hondo, Southwestern Bell recently completed the installation of central office equipment to allow for 200 more telephone numbers to serve the city.

Carroll said the 1973 construction budget for Southwestern Bell's San Antonio area, of which Hondo is a part, will be $182 million, an increase of $30 million over 1972. The San Antonio area covers approximately two-thirds of the western part of Texas.

Final week to select salesperson

This is it. This is the final week to nominate your choice for the Outstanding Salesperson in Hondo.

The contest has been going on for seven weeks and now the final opportunity is at hand. Who do you think is the Outstanding Salesperson in Hondo?

Are they friendly? Do they smile often? Are they courteous? Do they know their merchandise?

Do they make you want to come back to that store and do your shopping? Do they make you glad you shop in Hondo?

All of these can be taken into consideration in your nomination.

And you'll be doing them a great favor. They will receive: First--$25 certificate; Second--$15 certificate; Third--$10 certificate. All certificates can be redeemed **ONLY** at the stores that have participated in the "Trade In Hondo" promotion which has been running in the Anvil Herald the past seven weeks.

Each winner also will be featured in the Anvil Herald by picture and story.

So clip this coupon and mail or bring by the Anvil Herald no later than 5 p.m. Friday, March 9. No coupons will be accepted later than that.

Medina Electric receives $1,113,000 loan approval

Approval of a $1,113,000 loan was granted Medina Electric Cooperative Monday by the Rural Electrification Administration, according to information received by General Manager L. F. (Red) Gross from U. S. Senators John Tower and Lloyd Bentsen and Congressman Abraham (Chick) Kazen.

"This $1,113,000," said Gross "is the second half of a loan submitted in 1972 in the amount of $2,716,000. This portion of the loan is authorized under Section 306 (a) (1) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act."

Several major additions will be accomplished with this loan, according to information released by Medina Electric.

Some include: a distribution substation near D'Hanis, a distribution substation near Natalia, 16 miles of 69,000 volt transmission line in Uvalde County, 6 miles of 69,000 volt transmission line in Medina County.

The remaining portion of the loan will be used throughout the 17 counties served by the Cooperative to install service to approximately 350 new consumers and the replacement and upgrading of existing facilities to meet the demands of a growing system.

Counties serviced by the Medina Electric Cooperative, Inc., which is headquartered in Hondo, include Medina, Atascosa, Dimmitt, Frio, LaSalle, Webb, Zavala, Brooks, Duval, Jim Hogg, McMullen, Starr, Zapata, Edwards, Kinney, Rio and Uvalde.

Merchants say 'thanks'

This week concludes the special campaign of the Anvil Herald and the various businessmen to acquaint you with the advantages of doing business in Hoondo and in Hondo and has been appropriately titled, "TRADE IN HONDO WEEK".

Although this series of articles and the special advertising sections will be discontinued next week, the benefits to you of trading in Hondo will continue throughout the year.

Here summarized are those benefits: Business firms that are interested in you, the customer; reasonable and fair prices; courteous service.

Also, personal attention; reliability, dependability and trust; friendship and neighborliness; businesses that have earned your confidence; good quality products, services and merchandise.

And others, men and women who build and support your community; appreciative businessmen and sales personnel; promotional events from time to time; selection for satisfaction; credit services; layaway services; convenience.

Easy, comfortable and pleasant shopping, and the many intangible benefits that come from doing business with people you know.

Your response to this campaign during the last seven weeks has been greater than expected. All of the participating merchants, business firms and the Hondo Anvil Herald are deeply appreciative and believe that you have a new awareness and enjoy trading in Hondo.

More surprises are to be found in the final advertising section today.

The Anvil Herald recommends that you visit these business firms for all your needs:

Dan's Drugs, Medina Savings Association, Ben Franklin's, Fohn's White Auto Store, DeMontel's Furniture, Finger's Fashions, Graff's Western and Men's Wear, Pedens Rexall Store, Hondo Implement Co., City Auto Supply, Moehring's Tru-Value Store, Kidd Marine Sales, Hondo Sears, the Dutchman Drive-In and the Hondo National Bank.

Also Mary-Rene's, Western Auto Store, Mueller's Exxon Station, Jack Winkler Motors, Chapa Furniture Store, Perez Sales Agency, Alamo Lumber Co., Hondo Lumber Co., The Chicken Coop, New Frontier Restaurant, Bingo Auto Parts, the Drug Shoppe, E. R. Leinweber Co., The Ranch Store, Delony's Jewelry, Jones Shoe Store, Winn's, The Style Shop, Economy Motors and the Credit Bureau Service Center.

Four burglaries cleared up

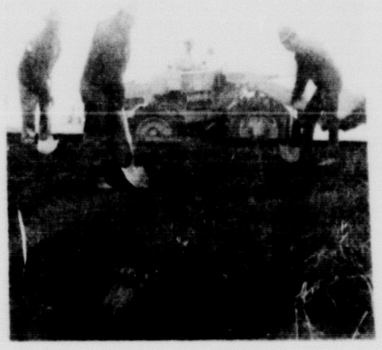
Four burglaries in Medina County, all in or near the communities of Storm Hill and Quihi, have been cleared up by Medina County Sheriff's officers with the arrest of two suspects.

Charged earlier in the burglary of the Richard Culpepper home near Quihi and the home of Mrs. Clarence Daily at Storm Hill was 24-year-old Henry Buss of San Antonio. Buss is released on bond. Sheriff Charles Hitzfelder said loot taken in the burglaries, including TV sets and radios, was recovered.

Two more burglaries were solved with the arrest of a 27-year-old San Antonio man, Felix Mendoza. He has been charged with the burglary of the Wayne Balzen home at Storm Hill and the William Dorfnister home at Pearson.

Both burglaries occurred in early February. Taken from the Balzen home were two guns and both were recovered by Sheriff's officials. Missing from the Dorfnister home

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BUILDING . . . sidewalks to cross the railroad tracks are these men of the Street Department of Hondo. The sidewalks will be about six feet wide and will cross the vacant lot from south of 18th Street, the railroad track and hit Highway 90 about Avenue R. School children will be able to use them, as well as other pedestrians. In the pictures are Senon Valdilles, Lorenzo Hernandez, Tulio Rodriguez and Guadalupe Hernandez. [Photo By Tony Mendoza]

Nietenhoefer is president

Henry Nietenhoefer, owner of Hondo Sears, heads the Hondo Retail Merchants Association following Tuesday night's meeting in the Methodist Church hall.

He will be assisted by Mrs. Ralph (Anne) Jones of Jones Shoe Store as secretary and Ralph Hauger of E. R. Leinweber's as treasurer. Nietenhoefer succeeds Jim Prenzler of Winn's and Mrs. Jones follows Mrs. Jim (Nancy) Fridle of Radio Station KRME.

Members attending the Tuesday buffet meeting set three dates for town-wide promotions with the first Spring Sale being March 22, 23, 24. Others will be in July and then the annual Pre-Christmas Sale.

Members at the meeting also went on record in favor of a Monday holiday for Memorial Day.

Elementary school sets registration

Registration for the 1973-74 kindergarten program at Meyer Elementary School will be held in the Principal's office during the week of March 5-9. A birth certificate is required for registration.

Any child that is 5 years and 7 months old on or before September 1, 1973 will be eligible for the kindergarten program in 1973-74. This is an expansion of the present program that provides for children that are 5 years old on or before September 1 that are handicapped to the extent that they do not speak, read and comprehend the common English language words that are necessary for normal progress in the first grade.

For further information call N. E. Woolls, Meyer Elementary Principal, 426-3161.

CORRECTION

In a story last week, a March 9 deadline was given for filing for positions on the City Council or for Mayor. That date was in error--the correct date is March 7.



CAMPFIRE GIRLS PROCLAMATION . . . six Hondo Campfire Girls and Bluebirds witness the signing of a proclamation by Hondo Mayor George L. Brucks making Camp-Fire Birthday Week, March 18-24. On hand for the signing are Lisa Schweers of PiDaKaYa Campfire Group; Martha Gonzales of Tanda Campfire Group; Susan Schueling of Do-Ca-Da Campfire Group; Deena Schur of the Jolly Bluebirds; Brenda Dugan of the Globetrotter Bluebirds; and Diana Lindeburg of the Smiling Bluebirds.

Letters from the mailbox

February 28, 1973
Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Thank you for calling our attention to the reference to Bexar County in the February 21 press release. My apologies for this error.

Needless to say, the reason we are so anxious to keep you informed of UTSA activities is because we seek students from your area and other areas of the state and desire your support.

I hope to be in Hondo sometime in the near future and would like to visit with you. When you are in San Antonio, I would be delighted if you would stop by (we are in the Koger Center at Loop 410 and Babcock Road) and let me introduce you to our administrators and faculty and show you our facilities.

Thank you for your coverage of UTSA.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Janice M. Smith
Information Writer

Blanco, Texas
February 26, 1973
Gentlemen:

Thank you kindly for sending me the copy of the Hondo Anvil Herald that contained my ad.

I know it was an unusual thing for me to do, but I had been ill and unable to meet the deadline of Christmas greetings.

Sincerely,
Lelia Riley Sawers

Dear Pete:

Will you please mail me another typewriter ribbon for the H & O Ranch just like the one I bought about two weeks ago. (A mouse got hold of that one.) I will need it before next Wednesday.

Thanks a million.
Doris Barnes
H & O Ranch
P. O. Box 291
Pearsall, Texas 78061



C. J. BLESS GENERAL MERCANTILE--now occupied by Bingo Auto Parts shows [left to right] Hugo Schweers, Rollie C. Bless and Louis Rucker. Photo taken about 1910.

CHAMBER CORNER

By Lillian Porter
Executive Secretary

Received a letter from Ingle J. Sankel of San Antonio who requested all the Hondo information we can send him plus answers to specific questions. He and his family are interested in moving here. A tourist attractions around here. Glenn is doing much groundwork on a brochure-map of tourist attractions in Medina County. You will be surprised how much we have to offer.

Walter A. Breidenbach from Kingsville passed by the Chamber office for a quick handshake--said they have bought a house and will be moving in as soon as they get their home fixed to their liking. We're so glad to have them back in Hondo.

T-Sgt. Pete Pike from Air Traffic Ground Control Approach came in for Hondo information to mail to T-Sgt. Raymond Mayfield from Cabot, Arkansas who will be moving here April 15 to work at the unit. We are sending him a letter of welcome and asking him to come by the Chamber office and let us know if there is anything we can do for him that will make his move easier.

Bob Nowlin with the American Heart Association wants to get some people together to discuss more on the Association and see if we can form a Medina County unit to help people learn more about this dreaded illness. Anyone interested in learning more may call our office 426-2015.

We received a call from Mrs. Albert Postel of Brackettville who needed a room for her daughter who was going to be here around March 3. Mrs. Robert Koch came to our assistance and offered her home. We thank you Mrs. Koch.

Rev. Villa and Rev. Segovia from San Antonio Assembly of God are very interested in starting a church here in Hondo. A goal they mentioned is helping young people find their goal.

Whew! Get ready for this list!

Job openings 7, job applications and referrals 35, Hondo maps 9, Hondo information 5, different types of information 14, out-of-town telephone and address requests 3, Salvation Army bills 1, TEC call in cards for job referrals 8, deer leases received 1, food commodity 4, long distance call on real estate 1, letters mailed requesting brochures 2, answers to mail call in cards 31, Social Security 4.

Methodist, he sent an "order of worship" from St. Andrews United Methodist Church asking us to give it to Rev. Homer Weimer of the Methodist Church here. His remark: "Tell him we LOVE fried chicken--that's why we are Methodists." He even send a photograph of himself, as he thought it might be neighborly, perhaps even the charitable thing to do--let us get a peek at the newcomer.

More letters have come from Junior Livestock Exhibitors and Tom Hollmig gave them to us:

Dear Mr. Hollmig:

I thank you very much for buying my show calf on behalf of Hondo Merchants. All of us in the show appreciate the help given to us by the many generous people such as you.

Thank you again,
Tim Hardt

Hondo Merchants:

I appreciate your concern in the bidding and purchasing of my animal. The Hondo FFA, of which I am a member, appreciates every person that does his part of helping the Ag boys.

Sincerely yours,
Cuturo Nira

Hondo Merchants:

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for your support at the Medina County Junior Livestock Show.

I want to especially thank you for buying my lamb.

Sincerely yours,
Richard Fournica
Hondo FFA

Dear Hondo Merchants:

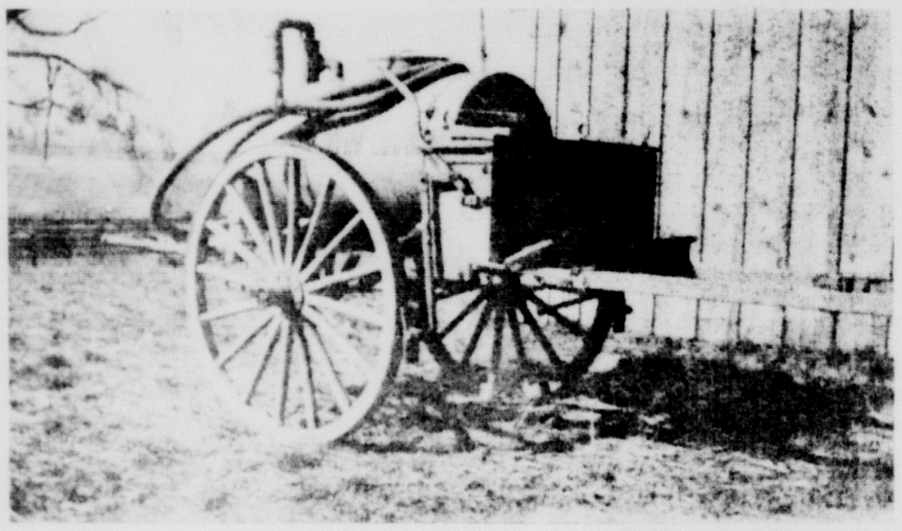
I would like to thank you for buying my lamb at the 1973 Stock Show. I tried very hard to take care of "Big Boy".

It is because of people like you that we have the chance to feed and sell our animals.

Thank you again,
Jessica Muennink

We have received new 1973 Brochure maps of Aransas Pass. It's a great place for fishing and just plain loafing.

A class of graduate students at Texas A&M are doing research on tourist attractions in Texas. Hondo was one of the towns, and with the help of Glenn Dittmar, I am compiling quite a list of



HONDO'S FIRST FIRE-FIGHTING GEAR--was this horse-drawn wagon. Little more than a water tank with a hand pump, it served Hondo's Volunteer Fire Department in the old days.

Surveyor leaves mark on county

In 1835, a young man named Charles Scheidemontel arrived in the United States from Germany.

He was of good family, well educated, and ambitious, and having read of the wonderful opportunity in free America, he ran away from the Fatherland, landed in Philadelphia, then came to Texas.

At that time, Texas was in the midst of its revolution against Mexico, and Scheidemontel enlisted with Sam Houston's army. Arriving for service just after the decisive battle of San Jacinto, Scheidemontel helped to guard Santa Ana while he was Houston's prisoner.

One story has it that Houston, hearing some of the soldiers taunting Scheidemontel about his lengthy German name, reprimanded them and called the young man to him.

Houston gave Scheidemontel authority to shorten his name to Montel, or de Montel, and the young man did so and was known thereafter as Charles De Montel.

After the independence was won, De Montel lived several years in San Antonio, and was associated with surveyor John James, who was laying out the Henri Castro grant in the Bexar District.

When the first Castro colonists reached Port Lavaca in 1843, De Montel piloted them to their new home on the Medina River, and was present at the founding of Castroville in 1844.

That same year, he was married to Miss Justine Pingenot, a daughter of one of the colonists. Fifteen children were born to the couple.

Mr. De Montel resided at Castroville until his death in the 1880's, when he was 76 years old.

After settling with the colonists, De Montel built a sawmill at Castroville, later moving it upriver to where a Mormon Camp was later located. After running it there awhile, he moved it to the present site of Bandera in 1853.

Having bought a large plot of land there, he and his old associate John James established the settlement that later became known as Bandera.

The first families to arrive were 16 Polish families, direct from Europe.

One incident, in Castroville, is remembered concerning De Montel's friendship with the Indians of the area.

The Indians once stole some horses at Castroville. Some time later, a friendly Indian rode into town on a horse which was recognized as one that was stolen.

The Indian was seized, and a rope placed around his neck, and the colonists would have swung him from a tree limb had not De Montel stopped them.

He spoke with the Indian, who convinced him that he had secured the horse in a trade with other Indians. De Montel convinced the colonists that no man would steal a horse and then deliberately ride the animal back into the community where it was stolen, and the Indian was released.

Charles De Montel, Sr. was one of the most important pioneer settlers of Medina County, and his descendants still live in the county today.

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More about ... Sparks

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he'll be sporting a fine mustache which he started last week--that is if Mrs. Poerner can make him remain strong and not shave it off.

Joe Hernandez, the barber, also began a growth on his upper lip which already outshines mine. But that doesn't mean anything, Joe. It's the final outcome that counts.

PERSONAL INVITATIONS

. . . always make people have a warm feeling and if at all possible they will respond to the occasion.

With this in mind, why don't we all start a letter campaign right now inviting all friends and relatives to come and enjoy Museum Celebration Day and the Antique Auction on May 5 and 6?

We can go one step further--get a rubber stamp that extends an invitation to this special event in the annual history of our city and county. The Anvil Herald is going to do this very thing--and to help anyone else who would like a stamp, we will give a 15 percent discount on all stamps pertaining to Museum Day ordered through our office.

Poerner urges constituents to send back questionnaire



BY JOHN H. POERNER
85th LEGISLATIVE DIST.

Vegetable marketing is an essential economical element in the economy of Texas, particularly the 45th Legislative District. House Concurrent Resolution No. 24, of which I am the author, is designed to initiate an effort to insure high quality vegetables by perhaps creating a State vegetable-marketing regulatory agency and statewide marketing orders.

In order to attain our goals, this Resolution requests the legislatures of all other vegetable producing states to join Texas in asking the U.S. Congress to deal with foreign governments asking that they establish comparable standards of sanitation and inspection of vegetables. It is our hope that through this means of control, the vegetable industry may be upgraded--not merely by improving the outlook on the industry, but by stabilizing market prices as well.

A State adult education bill, House Bill 147, has been given preliminary approval. This bill would put state funds into adult education programs conducted by local school districts, junior colleges and universities for the first time. Included inthe programs would be basic literacy courses, high school equivalency and other necessary training skills for adult education. It is estimated that about $28 million will be needed over a five-year period to educate three million Texas adults--one quarter of the State's population--who have never completed high school.

Another bill, House Bill 88, dealing with a "comparative negligence doctrine" was approved this week which would allow accident victims to collect damages in court even if found negligent. This bill would replace the present law applying "a contributory negligence" rule stating an injured driver cannot recover damages in court if the jury finds him as little as one percent contributor of the accident. If passed in the Senate, juries would have to decide the percentage each driver contributed to the collision. (Example, if an individual were found to have caused 40 percent of the accident, he could recover 60 percent of his damages. Currently, he would be allotted nothing.)

As an interested legislator in vocational-technical education, I have been asked to serve as chairman of a seminar-hearing during the Governor's Conference on Vocational-Technical Education. The Conference, to be held in Austin's Municipal Auditorium, February 27 and 28, should provide much of interest to those interested in this growing area of education. If interested, please plan on attending this informative conference.

Monday, March 5, 1973 has been set as the deadline for all returning questionnaires. I hope to have them tabulated by March 8, so that I may introduce any legislation which I feel is of utmost importance to my constituents. Please fill out your questionnaire if you have not done so and mail it to me so that I may serve you according to your wishes.

FHA meets

On March 3rd, members of the Hondo FHA Chapters will attend the Area FHA Convention in San Marcos.

Theme for this year's meeting is "FHA is the Key in '73".

Our project for this year is collecting clothes for the Southside Community Center. If you have any clothes that are in good condition that you wish to donate, please leave them at the Homemaking Department of Hondo High School. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Brenda Mazurek
Fifth Vice-Pres.
FHA Chapter I

Here in Hondo

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wiemers and Lee Holder returned Wednesday, February 21, from a trip to Decatur, Alabama. They visited Mr. Wiemers' sister, Ida (Mrs. Charlie) Ward, and her husband.

Mrs. Ward's daughter, Zedell McAllister, was critically ill.

On their way home, they spent one night with Mr. and Mrs. Wernell Conner, Sr., sister of Mrs. Wiemers. Also, they visited with Mrs. Minnie Wiemers at Four Seasons Home at Temple, Texas. Zedell McAllister passed away on Friday, February 23.

Library News

Hondo Public Library's Board of Trustees held its first meeting of 1973 Tuesday night, Feb. 20, at the library with Mrs. Sally Brucks, Chairman, presiding. In attendance were Mrs. Brucks, Mrs. Norman Buescher, Mrs. Gladys Knowles, Martin Noonan, Bob Peden, Virginia Clift, Mrs. Lottie Maw, Librarian, and Mrs. Ina Mansell, secretary.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Members voted approval of and welcomed the new board member, Mrs. Gladys Knowles. General discussion on various aspects of the Federal Revenue Sharing Program was participated in by all present. Mrs. Brucks reported on present status of Friends of the Library and their planned future activities.

Again, in recent weeks, donations to the library have been generous. Harry Filleman presented five volumes "Pictorial History of World War II", "Korean War", "Civil War", "This Is America My Country" and "Exploration and Discovery of America".

Martin Noonan donated "100 Years in Bandera 1853-1953". From Alfred E. Wolff we received "Hound-dog Man" by Fred Gipson and "Excuse My Dust" by Bellamy Partridge. Bob and Sally Gaconnet brought in "Earth and High Heaven" by G. Graham.

Mrs. Liz Maples gave the library magazines and a copy of "Message to Malaga" by Helen MacInnes. Three Detective Book Club triple-volumes were donated by Virginia Clift.

"Brimstone Club" by F. Van Wyck Mason, historical fiction, was presented by Gail C. Farley, who also gave two paperbacks, "Fighting Prince of Donegal" by Robert T. Reilly and "The Scimitar" by Samuel Edwards.

Dewey R. Verona contributed several stamp magazines and Ellery Queen mystery short stories. Many other magazines were brought in by the Paul Reily family, Mrs. O. M. Redus, Mrs. Ella Oefinger, Mrs. O. C. Marquis, Wesley deGrodt, Mrs. George Bendele, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Poerner, Inez Short and Hellene Wollschlaeger.

Mrs. Redus also provided us with a new decoration for the library, this one being a bouquet of various kinds of flowers, all in a winter-white color.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Buescher donated Wall Street Journals, magazines and paperbacks. Other paperbacks were received from Mrs. George L. Thallman, Deborah and Gladys Lindeburg, Barbara Weems, J. D. Schmidt and Edna Aycock.

The foremost problem at the library is to get members to return their overdue books. Many readers are being kept waiting for these unreturned books. The book-drop is so easily accessible at any time if you cannot get to library during regular hours. No fine is ever charged for "late" books.

Regular library hours are 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

From the desk of Congressman Kazen

Americans have joined in a resurgence of patriotism as we welcome back the men released from prison camps in Vietnam. I have been deeply moved by television news pictures of those men climbing out of transport planes, blending pride in their service with joy at returning to their wives and families.

An example came in our family. Mrs. Kazen for years has worn a POW bracelet bearing the name of Captain Jeremiah Denton, Jr. of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and we shared the thrill when the navy flier was the first man off one of the planes. My daughter, Jo Betsy, had worn a bracelet for Captain Jerry Singleton of Dallas and rejoiced at his safe return. Both men had been prisoners since 1965.

It is well that the long war in Southeast Asia has ended. Our national leaders were able to negotiate from the strength of our armed services and the support of the American people. It is not a war that we won, but traditional victory was never our goal. Only time will tell whether we achieved the purpose of protecting a small nation against oppression.

Missing Are Important

But we must not put the war behind us too quickly. Our nation must seek for a full accounting of men missing in action. News photographs and propaganda films have shown pictures of prisoners unmentioned in the exchange of information between the two sides. The nation and the Congress should expect all possible information before we turn to other matters, and if necessary our military must send search teams looking for unmarked graves that provide definite word, however, solemn to courageous families.

Return of all prisoners and accounting for the missing constitute our first priority. Other discussions are premature, and we should postpone controversies that may develop over post-war reconstruction in Southeast Asia and possible amnesty for those who evaded military responsibilities. When immediate needs are met, there will be time to consider other problems related to the war.

Veterans, Kin Important

I shall remain aware that thousands of men who served in this war have come back to civilian life needing help from their fellow citizens. We must certainly take care of the wounded. Many others who retained their physical well-being had interrupted their educations or their jobs to serve, and are now finding little opportunity in civilian life. All of us, in Government and the private sector, owe a debt to these men, and the magnitude of their numbers does not reduce our responsibility towards them.

We must also remember that nearly 46,000 young men died in this war. Some of them left young wives and small children, or aging parents who never again can know a son's help. We all have a debt to these kinfolks.

I was shocked by news reports that the Veterans Administration had ordered reductions in veterans' benefits amounting to nearly $160 million in an announcement almost simultaneous with the POWs return. I noted, too, that the White House quickly backed away from that plan.

In summary, I point out that our joy at the return of the prisoners must be tempered by awareness of continuing responsibilities that are ours.

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Mrs. Schuehle rites held

Funeral services were ld at 2:00 p.m. February , 1973 in Guinn-Horger uneral Chapel for Mrs. hn (Mina Fuos) Schueh- 93, of Dunlay, who ssed away in Castroville ospital on February 26.

A lifetime resident of Sturm Hill Community, Mrs. Schuehle was born in Medina County on January 28, 1880, daughter of the late Jacob and Annie (Oefinger) Fuos. She was a member of the Quihi Lutheran Church. She married John Schuehle, Sr. who passed away in 1964.

Mrs. Schuehle is survived by three sons, Andrew and John Schuehle, Jr. of Dunlay, and Hobby Schuehle, Hondo; four daughters, Mrs. Alfred (Viola) Haby, Mico, Mrs. Gabe (Lillie Mae) Haby, Rio Medina, Mrs. Mabel Haby, San Antonio, and Mrs. Laura Mangold of Dunlay; one brother, Fritz Fuos, Dunlay; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

Conducting the service was Rev. Wm. Durkop, Quihi Lutheran Church. Interment was in Quihi Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Jack Fuos, Leon Mangold, C. J. Mangold, Edgar Saathoff, Stanley Jagge and Wallace Schuehle.

Guinn-Horger Funeral Home of Hondo was in charge of arrangements.

Services held for Mrs. H. R. Bailey

Funeral services were ld for Mrs. H. Raymond ora Heath) Bailey, 94, Guinn-Horger Chapel February 24, 1973 at 4 m. Rev. Homer Weimer First United Methodist hurch, Hondo, conducted e service.

Mrs. Bailey was born ovember 21, 1878, a ughter of the late James and Eliza (Galbreath) eath, (whose families ere among the early ttlers of Medina County) he was married to Henry aymond Bailey who died 1955.

Mrs. Bailey attended ollege in San Antonio and ught school in Arizona. he had lived for many ars at her home on iveoak Creek seven miles uth of Hondo and had ved for the last few years Mrs. Shows Nursing ome, Hondo. She was a ember of the First nited Methodist Church of Hondo.

She passed away in the rest home on February 22.

Mrs. Bailey is preceded in death by one daughter, Romana Bailey who died in 1961

Survivors include two sons, James W. Bailey of Bayside, Texas and Bradley Bailey of Hondo; one sister, Mrs. Hazel Miller, Sinton; one brother, R. W. Heath, Devine; two grandchildren, Mrs. Mary Ann Pringle of Friendswood and James Bailey, Jr. of Hobbs, New Mexico; and four great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Hondo.

Pallbearers were Louis J. Wernette, Jimmy Roggers, V. H. Neumann, Franklin Wiemers, Harold Stiegler and Ray L. Angermiller.

Guinn-Horger Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Valeriano DeLeon dies in Hondo

Mr. Valeriano DeLeon, ge 91, passed away ebruary 12, 1973 in ondo. Funeral service as held at 4:30 p.m. on ebruary 14 in St. John's atholic Church, Rev. ohn Catala, S.J., officiatg.

Rosary was conducted St. John's at 7:30 on ebruary 13 with Rev. iegfried Fleiner reciting.

Born in Mexico April 3, 1881, Mr. DeLeon was retired farmer at the me of his death. He was member of the Catholic ith in both Hondo and ancey. His parents were the late Diego and Enicia DeLeon. Mr. DeLeon's wife preceded him in death.

Surviving Mr. DeLeon are five daughters; six sons; two brothers, Martin DeLeon and Jose DeLeon, Yancey; and one sister, Cerovia Gauna, Yancey.

Interment was in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Hondo.

Pallbearers were Jose DeLeon, John DeLeon, Henry DeLeon, Diego DeLeon, Jesus DeLeon and Pete DeLeon.

In charge of arrangements was Guinn-Horger Funeral Home of Hondo.



Valentine Nester, first man born in D'Hanis.



Clay cars at D'Hanis Brick and Tile, early 20's.



Front street, D'Hanis during 1919 flood.

Seniors set 3-act play

The senior class of Hondo High School will present the three-act comedy "They Run in Our Family", Saturday, March 10, at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets will be 25 cents for students and 50 cents for adults.

Members of the cast include: Chuck Beard, Nancy Lutz, Carye McGarity, Gregg Buescher, Terry Mechler, Raul Rios, Billy Hargrove, Connie Schueling, Susie Rogers and Ginny Zerr.

Also, Adrian Sorrell, Donna Zerr, Mike Hilberling, Vince Gilliam, Debbie Howard, Sharon Meyer, Sharon Haass, Dale Duncan, Jacque Fitzpatrick and Willie Geuea.



RATH BAKERY. . .operated for many years in Hondo. Until 1968 to be exact. Here is an interior shot of the bakery some years back with blacksmith Joe Horn at left, Matt Rath in the center and a young girl who sources says doesn't wish to be identified.

Ash Wednesday

During the Lenten Season which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 7, St. Paul Lutheran Church will have Wednesday evening services beginning at 7:30.

Lutherans observe Prayer Day

The citizens of Hondo will have the opportunity to observe World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 2.

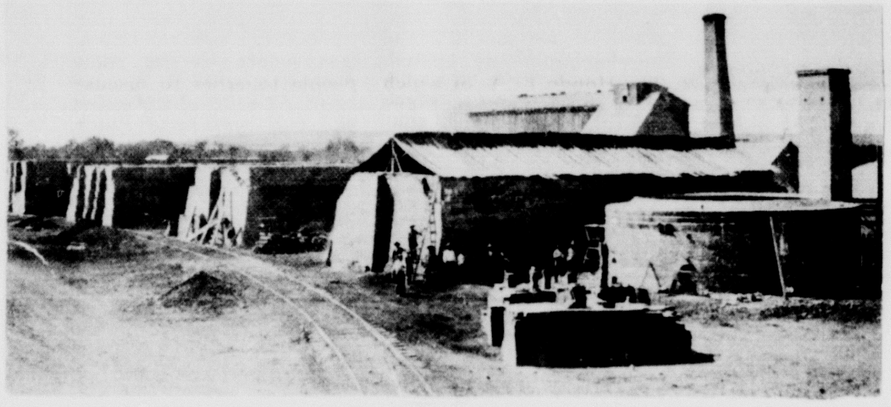
The Women of St. Paul Lutheran Church will have the Church Sanctuary open for private meditation. Individuals may come and speak to God and also give God an opportunity to speak to them.

The ladies will serve coffee in the Church Annex from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and again from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Come during that time and spend a few special minutes with your Lord.

Karen Mann elected

KINGSVILLE -- Three social organizations at Texas A&I have elected new officers for 1973.

Alpha Delta Pi officers include Karen Mann of Hondo as secretary.



D'Hanis Brick and Tile Co. kilns in 1906

Weather

TAYLOR-CHAPMAN

Recent rains have brought February's rainfall total to 2.50 inches, reports the Taylor-Chapman Service.

On Wednesday morning, 0.90 inch was measured in Hondo, with up to an inch in surrounding areas.

The total for January came to 1.80 inches.

With a little sunshine, it looks like a golden opportunity to get some really good corn crops started.

More about . . . Burglaries

were a TV set and a stereo. Sheriff Hitzfelder said neither item was recovered.

Mendoza is currently housed in the Medina County Jail in lieu of a $5,000 bond on each burglary count and a $25,000 bond on a Bexar County heroin charge.

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Daddy - date night

On February 12th, members of the Hondo FHA Chapter I and their fathers attended a Valentine supper.

The fathers and daughters participated in the program of the evening and then sat down to a hot meal prepared by the girls. After dinner, the girls and their fathers played bunco until the party ended.

Everyone really enjoyed themselves, both the dates and their daddies!

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Lad escaped Indians

From A. J. Sowell's "Early settlers and Indian Fighters of Southwest Texas", printed first in 1900, comes a story of a young lad from Devine who had a close call with a band of Indians.

Young SimonFraiser, of Devine, was out in the woods near Sand Branch when he discoverd a band of Indians. His horse was a mustang which had been caught as a colt, and it was not noted for speed. It was two miles home, so Fraiser turned for the nearest house, only half a mile away on the Cesquadara, and whipped the horse to its best speed.

The Indians took off in pursuit. Three of them were on good horses, race horses in fact, which had been stolen from other settlers, and soon they shortened the distance between themselves and the boy.

Two of these horses belonged to a Than. Terry, and one of them was called Cornet.

When the Indians grew very close, one brave readied a rope to throw over the boy's head when they drew alongside.

The horse became badly frightened, and at once began to get his legs under him in proper shape, and to run at terrific speed.

The Indians tried in vain to flank him, two running on each side and one in the rear.

When the bank of the Cesquadara Creek was reached, the horse fell, and Fraiser went sailing over the head. The horse dashed away, leaving Simon to take care of himself as best he could.

Nearby, however, was the home of James Winters and his family, and the boy reached the house afoot, safe from the Indians.

The horse ran past this house to the next one owned by one Trout family. Miss Louisa Trout caught the steed, and noticed that it was saddled and bridled, but without a rider.

Having heard the noise of running horses across the creek, the Trouts were sure that Fraiser had been killed.

The Indians approached the Trout home, trying to capture the speedy horse, but they did not draw within gunshot range, and later withdrew without firing a shot.



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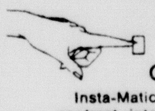


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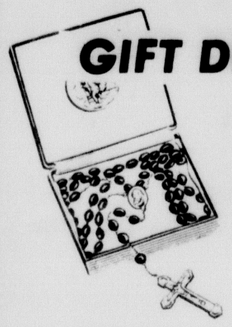


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August Saathoff, who will be 100 years old in less than a year, recalls that the village of D'Hanis already had a sizable population of Mexican-Americans "as far back as I can remember and probably before my time".

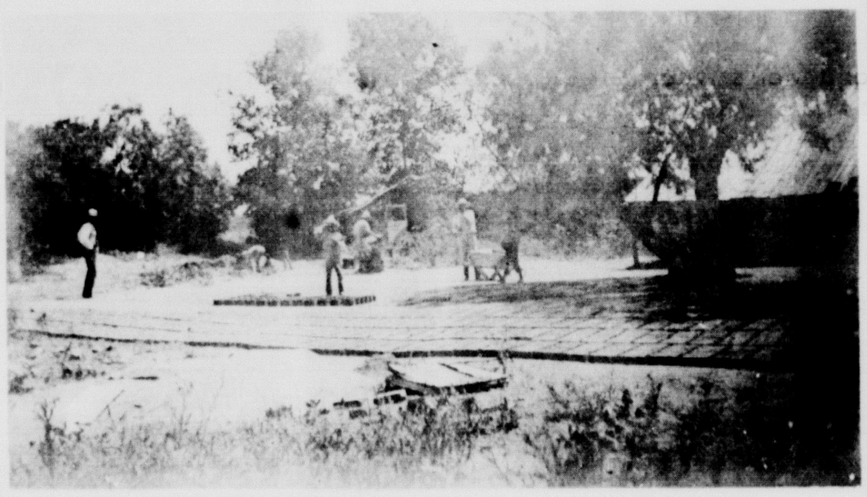
Some came to the new land westward from San Antonio but most of the Mexican-American settlers of Medina County were drawn to the free and relatively tranquil Texas from Mexico during the political upheavals of the late 1800's and early 1900's.

Frank Dominguez, a retired worker for the Hondo City Electric System, remembers leaving his native Villa De Fuente, a village in Coahuila, in 1913 to come to Hondo.

For several years he and his parents, along with nine brothers and sisters, had worked several months in the cotton fields around Hondo, each time returning to Villa De Fuente when the work was completed. But this time a revolution in Mexico made his father decide to take up residence in the United States.

Like the Dominguez family many others followed the trail toward peace and employment to the county and with them they brought their cultural influence.

Today Hondo still remembers Cinco de Mayo and Diez y Seis de Septiembre as days of celebration. At Christmas time the ancient Mexican ritual known as Los Pastores, recalling the Nativity of Christ, is still celebrated in several Medina County towns.



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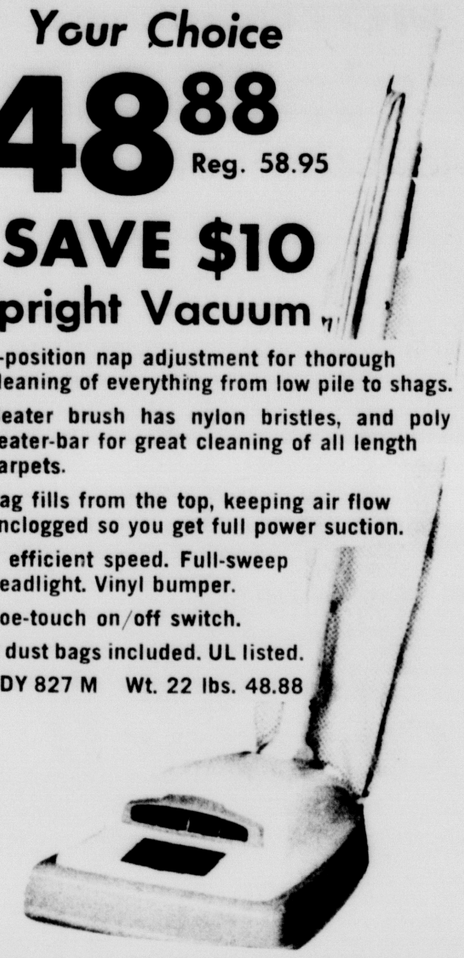
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WORLD WAR I . . . This photo which was loaned to Russell Chapman by Dr. O. B. Taylor pictures Medina County men somewhere around the time of World War I. Maybe they are the ones who had to go off to war. Perhaps, also, you can recognize some of them.

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Experience extends into the cleaning shop, where cleaners and pressers Domingo Gonzales and Chavel Rodriguez have been working for 27 and 24 years, respectively.

Also in the cleaning shop is Alex Moncada.

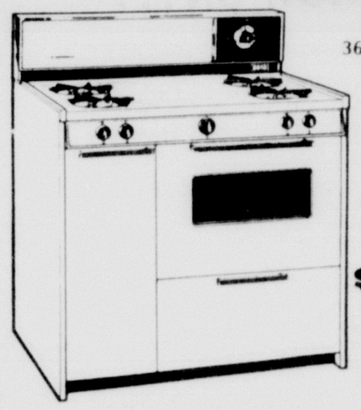
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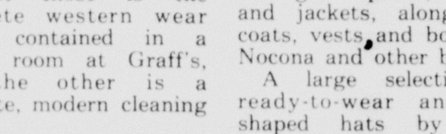
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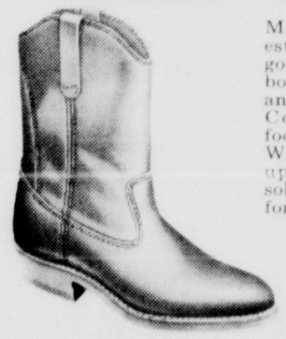
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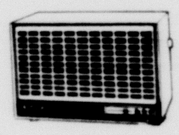
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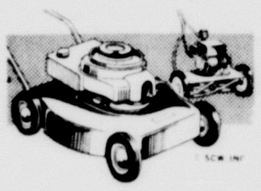
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She and co-owner Connie Tabor look to the needs of the hard-to-fit ladies in Hondo and Medina County, and they stock several brands for the tall, short, and otherwise uncommon sizes.

The store was purchased by Mary on November 15, 1971, and Connie came into the business on February 15, 1972.

Purchasing of merchandise is done in Dallas, not San Antonio. Emphasis is on keeping up with current styles, and tailoring the best of them to the tastes of Hondo area shoppers.

Among the nationally-known brands found at the Style Shop are Bobbie Brooks, H.I.S. Pants for HERS, Junior Petite PBJ's, and Jerell for Juniors.

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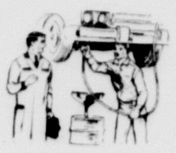
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Since the beginning, the Hondo Chicken Coop has been managed by Melverda Rohrbach, and she is assisted by Hortensia Villa, Dora Rendon, Olivia Morin and Dolores Coronado.

The chicken is prepared according to a special formula developed for the Chicken Coop kitchens so that, no matter who prepares them, the chickens have the same flavor in Devine, Hondo, or Pleasanton.

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The Chicken Coop in Hondo was the first of the series, and was opened on February 2, 1967.

Since then the other stores have been built, and all three enjoy acceptance and patronage of a large group of customers.

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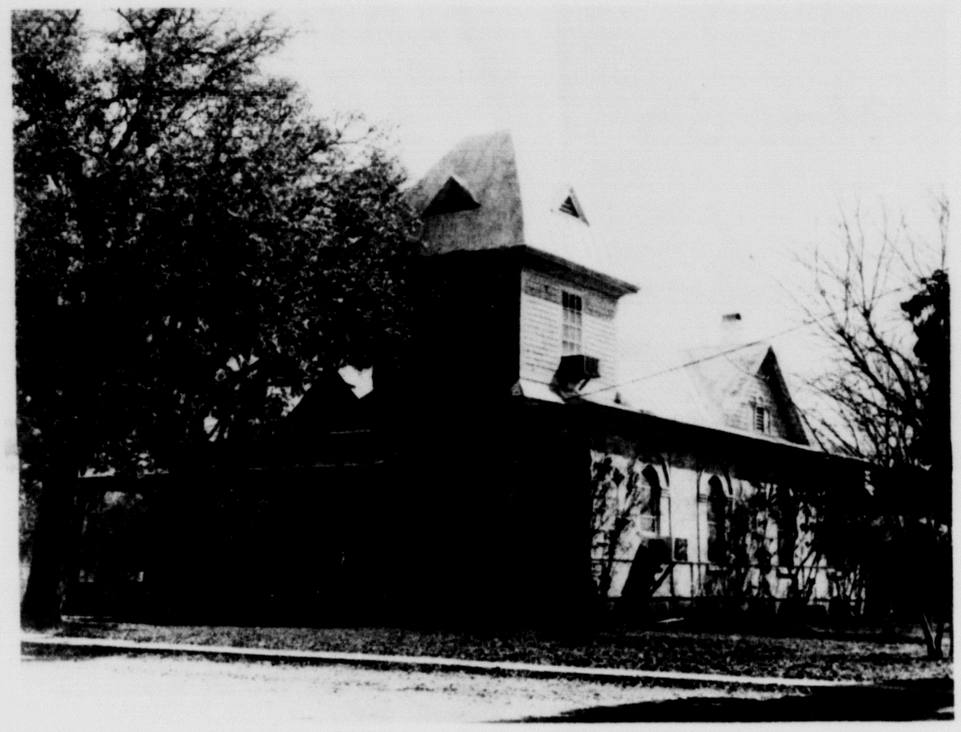
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QUIHI GUN CLUB MEMBERS . . . posed for this picture in 1949 and a close look will allow the reader to pick out many persons who are still around this neck of the woods. Russell Chapman, who allowed the Anvil Herald to use this picture, says that Gabe Hans can be seen at both ends of the picture. That's right, both ends. Russell says Hans posed at one end then ran around and got in the picture on the other end through a time exposure. Still a popular organization the Quihi Gun Club has been in existance for many years in the tiny community which was founded in 1845. [Photo Courtesy Russell Chapman]

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Battle on the Hondo

Among the historical occurrences within the boundaries of Medina County was an incident involving the Mexican General Woll, and Jack Hays' Texas Rangers, on the banks of the Hondo River.

The skirmish is mentioned in A. J. Sowell's Early Settlers and Indian Fighters of Southwest Texas, published in 1900.

In 1842, while Texas was yet a free republic, General Adrian Woll and some 1200 soldiers invaded Texas out of Mexico, and succeeded in capturing San Antonio.

A company of Texas Rangers, led by the famous Jack Hays, was stationed in San Antonio, but they were on patrol and did not detect the coming of the army.

Some of the men came back into San Antonio not knowing of Woll's presence, and they were captured. The rest, including Hays, discovered the soldiers in town and escaped, though hotly pursued by a large body of cavalry.

Camped on the Salado Creek, the Rangers drew the Mexican army into battle and defeated them, aided by General Matthew Caldwell and a force of volunteers from around Seguin and Gonzales.

The Mexican army retreated westward from San Antonio toward the border, and were overtaken by the Rangers.

Crossing the Medina River about two miles north of the present site of Castroville, the army traveled up between two ravines to a high ridge near the Hondo River.

The advance of the Texans was led by Hays and his rangers.

The Texans were close on the rear of the retreating Mexican Army, but they were badly scattered, each company being isolated from Captain Hays and the main body of the army.

Captain Hays and his men came onto the Mexicans at the ridge where they had halted to give battle, and he elected to wait on the arrival of the remainder of his forces.

General Woll, seeing the disorganization of the Texans and knowing he would not be attacked immediately, moved on across the Hondo and made another stand there.

One battery was placed in position on the east side of the creek, with 20 men supported by infantry. His main army formed in the flats to the west side with a cannon in position to bear on any approach to the one on the east.

Captain Hays sent a runner back to tell General Caldwell of Woll's decision to fight on the Hondo.

The General told Hays to go ahead with his men, and he would support Hays with his volunteers.

At the approximate location of the present New Fountain, a scouting party observed the Mexican army fording the Hondo. One of them, Sam Luckey, was wounded by a sniper's bullet, fired from a dry branch of the Verde Creek.

Captain Hays soon rode up and, hearing word from Caldwell of support for his army, decided to attack the rear guard of the Mexicans.

The first objective was to capture the cannon on the east side of the creek, and turn it toward the army to the west.

About 50 men gathered for the charge for the cannon. All were battle-proven veterans of the Indian wars.

An additional inducement for the capture of the cannon was that the retreating army carried a large group of prisoners, including some of the captured Rangers, as well as the district court in San Antonio, which had been in session when the town was taken.

Hays led the charge as the men rode into battle. The battle was fierce, but short as the Rangers drove away the soldiers who manned the cannon. But the force to the west of the creek laid down a deadly barrage of musket and cannon fire on the Texans.

But the assistancce that Hays had counted on did not come, and under heavy fire he was forced to retreat.

While all this was going on, there were more than 200 men a few hundred yards to the rear, idle spectators. At the last moment, there had been a misunderstanding as to who should lead the entire force, and without leadership, the main body of the Texan force never joined the battle.

No further attempt was made on Woll's position, and some time during the night, Woll retreated toward the border.

A council of Texan officers was held, and the pursuit was abandoned. The volunteer forces scattered back to their homes, and the rangers returned to their San Antonio quarters.

The failure to defeat General Woll on the Hondo caused the prisoners on his hands to spend three years in imprisonment before they were released.

Comanche Indians once roamed over this area

Comanche Indians roamed the area of Medina County when the first settlers arrived, according to the Reverend Cyril Matthew Kuehne, S.M. in his book "Ripples from Medina Lake".

He wrote: "Fortunately the Comanche Indians were friendly to the Alsatian immigrants during the uncertain, early days of settlement. The white men had many useful and desirable things that made the Indians wish to barter.

"But as time went on, the Indians found themselves pushed back farther and farther by new homesites and villages of the white settlers and their hunting grounds restricted.

"Consequently, the Indians began to give increasing trouble. They plundered the crops; they invaded the white man's homes to steal his guns, his horses; and they sometimes took captive or massacred a number of the settlers.

"It appears that the Indian raids gradually became less frequent so that by the year 1885, there was little or no danger of theft or massacre by the Indians. They either moved on to other regions that promised better hunting, or were driven off by fear of the white man's rifle."

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Directors of the Medina Valley Soil Conservation District have chosen the winners in the District's Texas Conservation Awards program.

Students from schools in our district wrote essays on the subject "Natural Resources - Meeting the Needs of the People".

After careful study of all essays written, the following were chosen: First place winner was Pat Stein of Hondo; second place Gary Saathoff; third place, Mike Riff; fourth place Terry Mechler and fifth place Bruce Howard Martin.

Each of the five will be presented a gift by the directors of the Medina Valley Soil Conservation District.

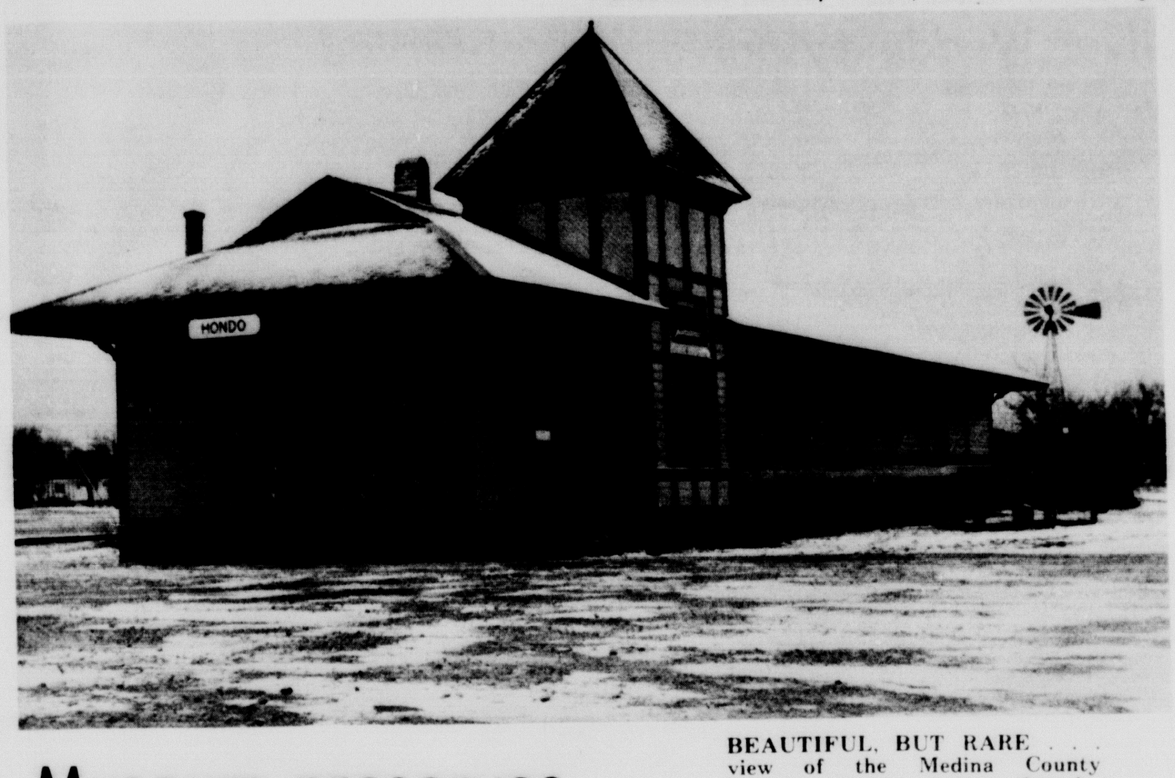
Essays such as these, in cooperation with our public schools, creates great interest in our youth and increases knowledge of our natural resources that are so important to the present and future of our people.

Pat Stein's essay will compete in Fort Worth with other essays from the entire state of Texas.

The directors of the Medina Valley Soil Conservation District express their appreciation to the schools and students who participated in this program. Each essay written expressed concern in the use and waste of many of our natural resources. Many essays expressed their opinions that to concerve and meet the needs of our people was the responsibility of every American.

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Henri de Castro, was of Jewish and Portugese ancestry, but was born in France. He came to America in the early 1820's as consul from the kingdom of Naples to Providence, Rhode Island and became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1827.



BEAUTIFUL, BUT RARE . . . view of the Medina County Museum is this picture taken by Anvil Herald photographer Ted Mendoza when the second snow fell in 1973. Now that it is repainted, the old railway depot looks more authentic and the Hondo sign just makes one think the train will be in any minute. Old wagons and a genuine windmill donated by Mrs. Oswald Sauer and the late Mr. Sauer adds a look of history to the scene.

Museum preserves Medina County history

Historical preservation for those people and things that have made Medina County could well be the slogan adopted by the Medina County Museum, Inc. when it applied for a charter back in 1970.

For directors and other interested persons have followed that theme through all the efforts that established and are operating the Museum.

From the word go, the conversion of the old Southern Pacific Railway depot proved to be historical preservation. Built in about 1897, to replace an earlier depot that burned, the old structure was doomed to razing until an interest cadre of persons joined hands to save it and thereby provide a place to house a museum of Medina County history.

Now the old depot stands at the western edge of Hondo with a new coat of paint and filled almost to capacity with relics, pictures, displays and other items that tell a graphic story of Medina County.

Commissioners Court recognized the Museum to be an effort to capture and preservice county-wide history by contributing to its operation this year.

Other money raising efforts include Museum Celebration Day the first Saturday in May, memberships, and any contributions anyone wishes to make. Some $20,000 has been raised and spent in putting the museum in its present state.

Museum Celebration Day is scheduled May 5 this year with the antique auction slated for May 6.

TOWNS FOUNDED

Castroville was founded on September 3, 1844; Quihi was founded in 1845; Vandenburg was established in 1846; D' Hanis was founded in 1848; and Rio Medina was founded sometime between 1860 and 1870.



HOW ARE YOU IN 1998?. . .that's the message on this card showing the old depot in Hondo in that year. It was "train arrival time" in this picture provided by Mrs. Roberta H. Brown of Dallas, for at the right an engine sticks its nose into the picture. And you can tell by the crowd they have "come down to see the train come in." Doesn't look too much differently than it looks today as the Medina County Museum.

County 4-H members in scramble

BY WAYNE SCHOLTZ
Asst. Extension Agent

Four Medina County 4H members participated in the Calf Scramble at the San Antonio Livestock Show Rodeo on Sunday, February 18. Three members caught calves and received certificates to use in purchasing 4H projects.

Mike Hayter of the Rio Medina 4H Club placed fourth and won a $70 certificate. Fifth place and a $60 certificate was won by Francis Haby of the Rio Medina 4H Club. Placing tenth and receiving a $30 certificate was Garland Bader of the South Hondo Unit I 4H Club. Larry Sultenfuss of the Devine 4H Club also participated in the scramble, but did not catch a calf.

There will be several Medina County 4H members participating in the Houston Livestock Show February 21 through March 4, 1973. Shirley Wurzbach from the Rio Medina 4H Club will show an Angus Steer. Also from the Rio Medina 4H Club Earl Wurzbach will show a Polled Hereford Steer. Showing a Brahman Crossbred Steer will be Bill Allen of the West Devine 4H Club. Karen Howard from the West Devine 4H Club will exhibit poultry. Rob, Walt and Clinton Elliott from Natalia will show lambs. Rennie Lee Gilliam from the North Hondo 4H Club will also show a lamb.

Gems o' wisdom

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Silver Wedding Anniversary observed

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Wiemers honored their families, wedding attendants, and their pastor, Rev. William Durkop of the Quihi Lutheran Church, as their guests in their home on Sunday afternoon, February 25, to help them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

The wedding attendants of the Wiemers' 25 years ago were all present for the occasion. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nietenhoefer, Mrs. Ben Calk and Marvin Nietenhoefer.

Other members of the wedding group who were present were Miss Hertha Weeber, who played the nuptial music for the wedding, and Mrs. John Baker, one of the vocalists who sang "Always". Kenneth Nietenhoefer, the other vocalist, was unable to attend.

Mrs. Elbert Wiemers wore a turquoise knit dress and a corsage of pink gladiolas and white mums. Mr. Wiemers wore a blue suit and a white mum boutonniere.

The mothers of the couple, Mrs. Chris Nietenhoefer and Mrs. Otto Wiemers, wore white mum corsages on their dresses. Mrs. Elmer Nietenhoefer and Mrs. Ben Calk wore white mum corsages.

Elmer Nietenhoefer and Marvin Nietenhoefer wore white mum boutonnieres.

The afternoon was spent visiting, piano selections were Mr. and Mrs. Chris Nietenhoefer, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wiemers, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nietenhoefer, Mr. and Mrs. John Wentz and daughter Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Nietenhoefer and sons Garland, Randy and Roger, all of Hondo.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Calk and son, Ethan, Mr. and Mrs. Meryle Wiemers and children, Michael, Elaine, Deborah and Yvonne and Miss Hertha Weeber, all of San Antonio and Rev. Durkop of Dunlay and Mr. and Mrs. John Baker of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Nietenhoefer of Lubbock called the Wiemers' long distance as they were unable to attend.

by Ethan Calk and opening of the many nice and useful gifts.

The serving table was covered with a white tablecloth with silver design. The centerpiece was an arrangement of white gladiolas and white mums adorned with pink and silver net and ribbon and centered with a silver 25, flanked on each side with white candles in crystal holders.

After a very nice and appropriate prayer by Rev. Durkop, the guests were served sandwiches, potato chips, anniversary cake, coffee, punch and mints.

Serving for the occasion were Mrs. Elmer Nietenhoefer and Mrs. Ben Calk.

Those present and registering in the guest book

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SETTLEMENT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. William Wengenroth were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Biediger and Kim Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Digges of Castroville enjoyed visiting her parents, the Elmer Biedigers Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Horner had a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy George of Comfort Sunday evening. They also enjoyed sight-seeing around Medina Lake.

Mrs. Bill Bendele visited Mrs. John Lawrence, Christie and Mistie Friday evening.

Attending the funeral of Mrs. Selma Stuebing at Helotes Monday were Mr. and Mrs. William Wengenroth, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Haby, Mrs. Annie Carle and Mrs. Netta Schuehle and Carrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Schott enjoyed visiting Adolph Schneider in Hondo Sunday evening.

Otto Hutzler of Bandera enjoyed a pleasant visit with his sister, Mrs. Paul Schott, Monday morning. Later in the afternoon they visited their sister, Mrs. Albert F. Schneider, in Castroville.

Enjoying a visit with the Erwin Biedigers and Kim Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wengenroth and Carl and Raymond Biediger.

Mr. and Mrs. George Masters and Dwayne and Mr. and Mrs. John Tarvin and Johnny and Terri attended the camping and travel show at the Convention Center in San Antonio Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Haby and Mrs. Annie Carle were guests of the Erwin Biedigers and Kim Sunday evening.

Visiting the Elmer Biedigers Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. William Wengenroth and Henry Carle.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bendele were visitors of the George Masters and Dwayne Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ray Horner visited Mrs. John Lawrence, Christie and Mistie Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Nelson were visitors of the Calvin Schotts Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wengenroth were guests of the Allen Habys Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. David Haby, Cindy and Mark enjoyed visiting Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Biediger and Kim Saturday.

Mrs. Ray Horner reports that she killed two rattlesnakes in her haybarn this past week. This is a sign to be careful for snakes since they are now moving around.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Brieden and Nadine enjoyed supper with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Schott, Beverly and Wanda Monday evening.

Miss Vicki Biediger and Marvin Burton were visitors of the Erwin Biedigers and Kim this past weekend.

Carl Wengenroth, son of the Lloyd Wengenroths, spent Saturday night with his grandparents, the William wengenroths.

Mrs. Ray Horner was a business visitor in Hondo Saturday morning.

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Hospital News

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FEBRUARY 17
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Valente Del Toro, D' Hanis

FEBRUARY 19
Arthur L. Embrey, Hondo

FEBRUARY 21
Stephanie Centilli, Devine
Lina A. Cook, Sabinal

FEBRUARY 22
Adelina Alcaraz, Hondo
Hortencia Reyes, Hondo

FEBRUARY 23
Edubigen Gauna, Hondo
Fredrick Etter, LaCoste
Frankie Ogden, Sabinal
Maximo Mares, D'Hanis
Louis Rucker, Hondo

DISMISSALS

FEBRUARY 17
Robert Grollimund, Hondo
Juan Garza, Hondo
Martin A. Alford, Utopia

FEBRUARY 18
Melvelina Reynolds, Utopia
Mary Lou Cameron, Hondo
Mary Jane Garza, Sabinal
Maria Rodriguez, Devine

FEBRUARY 19
Debbie Bendele, Hondo
Clarence McBee, Hondo

FEBRUARY 20
Toni Bermea, D'Hanis

FEBRUARY 21
Ethel Blasingame, Hondo

FEBRUARY 22
Charlie Muennink, Hondo

FEBRUARY 23
Stephanie Centilli, Devine
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BABIES

Jose Luis, Jr. to Mr. and Mrs. Jose Luis Garza, Sabinal, 6 lbs. ¼ oz., Feb. 16.

Henry to Mr. and Mrs. Feliciano Rodriguez, Devine, 6 lbs. 10½ oz., Feb. 17.

Jason Henry to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome H. Bendele, Hondo, 7 lbs. 14½ oz., Feb. 17.

Evaristo, Jr. to Mr. and Mrs. Evaristo Bermea, D'Hanis, 6 lbs. 7½ oz., Feb. 18.

Shannon Layne to Mr. and Mrs. William Centilli, Devine, 7 lbs. 13½ oz., Feb. 21.

Ruben to Mr. and Mrs. Rojelio Alcarez, Hondo, 6 lbs. 14½ oz., Feb. 22.

Henry, Jr. to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reyes, Hondo, 8 lbs. 6 oz., Feb. 23.

Paulina to Mr. and Mrs. Guadalupe Gauna, Hondo, 5 lbs. 4 oz., Feb. 23.

Announces engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Allen Larkin of Devine announce the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Elyse Poore, to Kenneth Howard Allen of San Antonio. Parents of the perspective bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Paul Allen.

Miss Poore is a graduate of Devine High School. She graduated with honors from Southwest Texas State University where she was a member of Alpha Chi, Kappa Delta Pi, and the Dean's List. Miss Poore is presently teaching speech at the university and working on her Master's degree.

Mr. Allen graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio. He received his B.S. with honors from Southwest Texas State University in 1966 where he was a member of Alpha Chi and the Dean's List. He is now teaching English at SWT and working on his Master's degree.

The wedding is planned for May 26 at Los Angeles Heights Methodist Church in San Antonio.

D'Hanis News

by Mary Belle Zerr

Mrs. Alma Zerr, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zerr and Dale attended the wedding of John Balzen and Miss Janice Kellar on Friday, Jan. 26, at Elmemdorf, Texas. Janice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kellar and John the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Balzen of Elmendorf and grandson of John Batot of D'Hanis.

Mr. and Mrs. David McGehee of Austin spent Sunday in the home of her parents, the Lawrence Carles. Dennis McGehee, a student at TCU, also visited in the Carle home.

Louis Carle is home after undergoing medical treatment at Medina Memorial Hospital in Hondo last week.

Karen Burrell and her roommate, Nancy Hopkins of San Antonio, spent the weekend in the Walter Burrell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Dodgen and Phillip attended the funeral of Mrs. Dodgen's father, Oron Tate, in Marble Falls, last Thursday.

Weekend guests in the Dean Dodgen home were Mrs. Dodgen's sister, Lee Tate and her brother and family, Mr. and Mr. Larry Tate, Robbie, Debbie and Richard of Irving, Texas.

Mrs. Bernice Finger and Mrs. Reily Carle spent several days last week as the house guests of the Jim Fingers at Duncanville. At Garland they visited the Gus Herrings and Miss Peggy Finger of Dallas joined the family for a visit.

Mrs. A. J. Finger and Mrs. Ben Koch are home after spending several days in San Antonio last week visiting their children.

The weekend retreat of the Christian Community of the Hondo Deanery held in Devine, Feb. 23-25, was attended by 26 Holy Cross Parishioners.

Mrs. Harry Olfers and her daughter, Mrs. Mark McFarlin and little son, Brian, of Austin visited in the home of Mrs. A. H. Finger recently. En route, they visited Henry Franger, father of Mrs. Olfers, at Brown's Nursing Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Santleben spent Sunday in LaCoste with the Alvin Santleben family.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fohn and LeAnne of Wall were weekend guests in the W. J. Fohn home.

Mrs. Lloyd Santleben and Becky were in Comfort Monday when they visited the Erwin Klemstein family and Joe Pankratz. They attended the funeral of Mr. J. Dicks.

Jr. Garden Club News

The District Seven Spring Convention, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., was held February 14 and 15 at Corpus Christi with Mrs. Hilmer Haegelin, District Director, presiding. Highlights of the annual spring convention was the presentation of awards to individuals and clubs of District Seven.

Awards received by the Hondo Junior Garden Club were: First place in best programs; best yearbook; honor roll rating; litter control and reclamation center; scrapbook; and best all around club.

Junior Garden Club members who received awards were: Chris and Douglas Cole, Conservation achievement award, tie for first place; Woodsy Owl and-or Smokey Bear Contest, Rose Mary Rios, first place; Douglas Cole, 2nd; and Chris Cole, 3rd place.

McDowell Middle School Woodsy Owl and-or Smokey Bear Contest winners were Class C, Karen Reinartz, 1st, and Wayne Garcia, 2nd place. Class B, Alice Martinez, 1st, and Linda McWilliams, 2nd place.

Special Education students of Meyer Elementary School winners were Steve Frausto, 1st; Emilio Valles, 2nd; Gloria De Luno, 3rd place in Woodsy Owl and-or Smokey Bear Contest.

--Douglas Cole, reporter

I'm Here

Mr. and Mrs. William D. (Sam) Centilli, Jr. proudly announce the arrival of their first child, Shannon Layne, born Wednesday, February 21, 1973. She weighed seven pounds 13½ ounces and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Wilson of Hondo and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William D. Centilli, Sr. of Devine. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hollmig of Hondo and Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Wilson of Yancey.

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This week
All she wrote
by Edna McDade

Time marches on. Here it is March first, right on true Gregorian calendar [N.S.] schedule.

Even my old friend The March Hare is back in the news again as interest is revived [perennially] in Lewis Carroll's Allice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass. My own interest survives since childhood, as does that of Alicephiles the world over. Two San Antonians have created a rock opera based on Alice's adventures.

The February 11 issue of the SAn Antonio Express-News SUNDAY ONE, of which former Hondoan FANE BURT is editor, had for its cover page a color illustration by FRANK DALLAL, son of Castroville's "DOC" and EVELYN DALLAS.

The March Hare, marching jauntily across the page, caught my eye. And, caught up in Alice's "flowing tresses", were Humpty Dumpty and other familiar characters in stylization typical of the talented illustrator's pen or brush or whatever he uses to tell the story.

A current prize-winning edition of "Looking Glass" contains 38 drawings by artist Ralph Steadman. I have it on my list for my next trip to the library.

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I hope that Texas [and Hondo] Garden Club-ers, while here, took note of the CC Park Division's efforts to keep the area beautiful the year round.

For some time now a median across from one of the downtown banks has been a blaze of gold-to-orange glory as presented by carefully planted and tended calendulas.

Maybe the coast is competing with HGC's example of dedication to Hwy. 90 and other Hondo centers which do honor to the devotion and determination of these civic minded women.

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DARWIN SCHRADER's SCS plans to set up an outdoor classroom merit all-out encouragement.

If anybody can get the job done, and done right, Darwin can. Tell him I said so.

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During the recent spell of rainy weather, it seemed not to be raining rain but GRAIN. About 1,000 railcars, loaded with wheat destined for Russia and a few other foreign countries, were parked end-to-end on tracks leading to the local port, waiting their turn to be unloaded.

Meanwhile the anchored ships add a topic of conversation and make fine camera targets. The red flags of the U.S.S.R. wave merrily and add an extra touch of "color" to the conversation, depending on the speaker's attitude. If one can't "go down to the sea in ships", ample opportunity is offered to "go down to the ships and see."

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Not all "baggies" are made for stashing away the lunch sandwiches. Some are flapping around young ankles [and around others with delusions of former youth!] as they make-the-scene.

A hipless young thing was doing a good job of sweeping up the floor with his teenman outfit at one of the local malls and having a wonderful time. Ain't youth grand--or wasn't it?

And, to keep us current, one reporter adds, "The punctuation point of the new silhouette is the proper shoe."

Could be one way to teach punctuation!!! Or to cultivate corns?

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DON SCHUR of Hondo Implement has looked a long way into the future [which beats looking back lest something be gaining on you, I've heard] and he "foresees" a potential runway alongside the Hondo installation, just in case farm [Deere-Long-Green-Line] implements go airborne in the sweet bye and bye. Who knows?

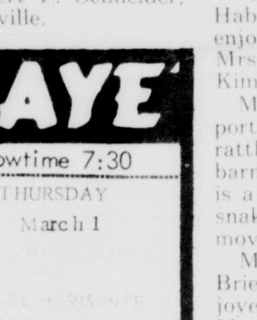
Doesn't broomcorn provide transportation for Halloween witches?

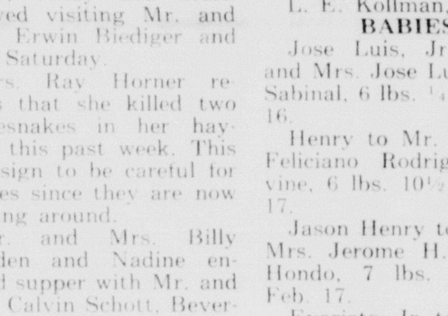
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I am following with interest the progress of plans for the Flight Screening Program, tentatively scheduled to begin about May 17.

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Natalia & Chacon Lake News

By Mrs. I. W. Thompson

Melton McMillan attended the 10:30 funeral of Mrs. Euphemia L. Hall at the Alamo Funeral Chapel in San Antonio Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sutter of Arlington came Friday and visited until Sunday afternoon with his mother, Mrs. W. H. Sutter.

Mrs. Linda Sanders and her father, Fred R. Schneider of Lytton Springs, accompanied Mr. Schneider's mother, Mrs. Laura E. Schneider, home Sunday morning after she had visited two weeks with the Schneider family.

Danny Ray Harper left Friday for Fort Polk, La. where he was inducted into the Army.

Mrs. I. W. Thompson received word Saturday morning that Mrs. Loyd L. Putman's condition had gotten worse and she is in a coma at the Clear Lake Hospital in Webster, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy L. Armke, James and Dayton motored to Fredericksburg Sunday for the day with the Armkes' son and family, the Forrest Jay Armkes, Amy and Mrs. Sybril Six.

Steve Tidball was inducted into the Air Force February 7th and he is getting his basic training at Lackland AFB.

YOUTH BANQUET

Dan Kenney served as master of ceremonies for the Candlelight Sweetheart Youth Banquet that was given in the Fellowship Hall of the Natalia Baptist Church Friday night, February 16.

Reverend Franklin Pullin, pastor, gave the invocation and Miss Peggy Grace gave the benediction.

Willie Allen and Wayne Wiemers of Yancey and Miss Frances Wingate of Devine favored the group with several vocal selections with Mr. Allen and Mr. Wiemers accompanying on their guitars.

Mr. Kenney's brother, Rev. Bill Kenney, pastor of the North Central Baptist Church in San Antonio, was guest speaker.

The Valentine theme was carried out throughout the hall. The menu consisted of baked ham, french style casserole green beans with mushroom sauce, baked irish potatoes, tossed salad, hot break-away bread, cake, ice cream, coffee and tea.

Kitchen workers and servers included Mrs. Charles C. Pierson, Mrs. Mattie Smith, Mrs. C. V. Kerr, Mrs. A. M. Mosley, Mrs. A. L. Simmons, and Mrs. Iven W. Thompson.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stanton, Sr. left Thursday for Canyon for the weekend with their daughter, Miss Patricia Stanton, who is a last-term sophomore student at West Texas State University there.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hardcastle, Derby, came Sunday afternoon for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Arthur W. Bongers, who was convalescing from the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tidball honored their son, Steve, who was inducted into the Air Force on Wednesday, with a barbecue dinner at their home on Sunday. This was also a joint celebration for their granddaughter, Sandy Tidball's seventh birthday. Guests were the honorees and Mrs. Steve Tidball and Heather Fay, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gotthardt, Brenda and Vicki, the Junior Charles Tidballs, Mrs. Mae Gotthardt, David, Victor, Tammy, Lisa and Denise, the Sammy Theises, San Antonio; Mrs. Bennie Gotthardt, the Wayne Stinsons, the Leslie Tidballs, Susan, Cheryl and Edwina.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Musick honored their son, B. J. Musick, San Antonio, with a dinner at their home Sunday in recognition of his promotion to forman at th City Public Service. Guests were Mrs. Musick and Billy John, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Caldwell.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Ronald White and Douglas Jerry, Chanute AFB, Illinois, arrived Saturday morning for a visit with his parents, the T. J. Whites, in San Antonio. Mr. White left Sunday morning to return to his base to make ready for his new assignment in Massachusetts. Mrs. White and Douglas Jerry remained for a longer visit with her in-laws and her parents, the Douglas Caldwells, and they will join Mr. White in Massachusetts later.

Mrs. A. A. (Ruby) Herring motored to Kerrville Sunday to visit her brother, Earnest Hensley, who is on the critical list at the Veterans' Hospital there.

Guests in the Bill O'Brien home Sunday for the day were their daughter, Mrs. Roxie Simmons, Boerne, niece Mrs. Linda Morris, Tammy Lisa and Heather, San Antonio, and O. G. O'Brien, Devine.

The Bill Crawfords, Houston, came Sunday afternoon to visit her sister and rother-in-law, the A. J. Crostwaites, and his mother, Mrs. Rosie Crawford, who accompanied them home for a visit.

The A. J. Saldanas and Ralph visited his sister and family, the Willie Rodriquezes, Laura and Jeffrey, in San Antonio Sunday afternoon.

Airman Louie Pena, Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, arrived Friday and visited until Monday with his parents, the Lucianio Penas, who honored him on his birthday with a barbecue dinner at their home on Sunday. Guests were the honoree and his sisters and families, the Ambrocio Cuellars, David and Carlos, the Johnny Valdezes and Reuben of San Antonio. Mrs. Richard Sepuveda, Chris and Ricky, Mrs. Tony Sepulveda and Rachel, Mrs. Connie Saldana and Gilda, Arthur Navarro and Miss Anita Morales, also Miss Rosalinda Munoz, Devine.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Swenson honored their daughter, Iris, on her tenth birthday with a pinata party at their home Sunday afternoon. Guests included the honoree and her brothers, Timothy and Mark, and her sister, Marilyn; her cousins, John, David and Jenny McCarthy; also, her aunt and uncle, the Joe McCarthys, San Antonio; Susan Turner, Emma Orta and Kimberly Clark. The children played pantomime games. Refreshments of cake, ice cream and punch were served.



OLDEST HOME IN HONDO. . .in about 1840, permanent settlers appeared near the Hondo River. In 1881 the railroad was built through the territory and in 1882 a railroad station was built five miles west of the Hondo River and the town of Hondo and a Post Office were established. Prior to that in about 1875 or 76 two homes were built in the townsite area which was 118 acres. One of those two homes is still standing [pictured above] and is locatd at 1003 16th Street and bears a Texas Historical Marker. Built by Fred Metzgar, the home still is known as the Old Fred Metzgar Home and is presently owned by the Associated Texas Newspapers. [Photo By Burnis Lawrence]

The old Fred Metzger home is the earliest in Hondo

Hondo is fortunate that one of the two first houses built here is still standing.

It is the old Fred Metzger home, located at 1600 16th St. It is now owned by the Hondo Anvil Herald.

A historical placque, approved by the Texas Historical Survey Committee in 1964, marks the large, century-old home as an early, authentic Texas home.

The home actually predates the township of Hondo. The real estate first appeared on Medina County tax rolls in 1873, as the property of the late Fred Metzger.

Metzger had been operating the stagecoach house near New Fountain (now owned and restored by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Richter).

He began building the home shortly after that time, and he did most of the construction work with his own hands.

All exterior and interior walls are of solid brick, 14 inches thick, and the ceilings are 12 feet high. Some ceilings have ornate designs, carved by Metzger.

The hallway includes a hand-carved walnut staircase, which leads to an upstairs room said to be the organization spot of the first Masonic Lodge of Hondo.

Though the interior has been refinished several times and is being renovated again at this moment, the exterior remains just as it looked in the nineteenth century.

4-H Council meeting held

On February 21 club reports from Devine, D' Hanis, North Hondo, South Hondo Unit I & II, LaCoste, Rio Medina rifle winner was Jesse Seals from South Hondo Unit II who sold 218 tickets. The contest will be held preceding National 4-H Week this coming year. year.

Everyone met the new assistant county agent Wayne Weldon.

County Roundup will be April 13 at 7 p.m. District Roundup will be April 28th; District Food Show on March 3rd; and County Dress Show on June 22nd.

New District Council officers will be elected March 24th. The new county council officers will be attending at least four meetings throughout the upcoming year, beginning August 1st.

--Shirley Wurzbach,
--Council Reporter



I'm Here

Mr. and Mrs. George Cameron are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Stacey Rebecca, on February 15, 1973. She weighed eight pounds, five and three-fourths ounces.

She is being welcomed by her sister, Valerie, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward, Mrs. Thomas Cameron, and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Melton, all of Hondo, and Mrs. Lula Ward of Uvalde.

4-H news

SO. UNIT I

The South Hondo Unit I 4-H Club will meet at 7:30 Monday, March 5, in the Methodist Educational Building with Jeanette Aelvoet presiding. Membership in this club is open to youth between the ages of 9 and 19, living South of the railroad tracks with last names starting with letters A through H.

A program on Water Safety will be presented by Preston Gohmert of the State Parks and Wildlife Department.

The opening ceremonies and recreation will be led by Angela Braden, Jo Ann Coffey, Janet DeGrodt, Vince, Andy, Tim and Vicky Gilliam.

Members from our club who showed animals in the county stock show were: Sheep--Larry Bohmfalk, Jo Ann Coffey, Darlene Formann, Brian, Brett and Garland Bader. Steer--Anna Buescher. Commercial Calves--Vince, Andy and Tim Gilliam.

Members participating in the county food show were: Mariette and Jeanette Aelvoet, Angela Braden, Beverly Graff and Vicky Gilliam.

Beverly Graff will receive a prize from the 4-H Council for selling the most tickets for our club.

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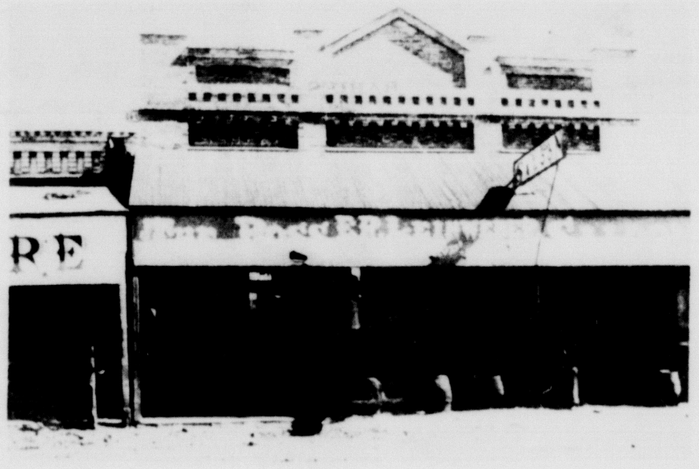
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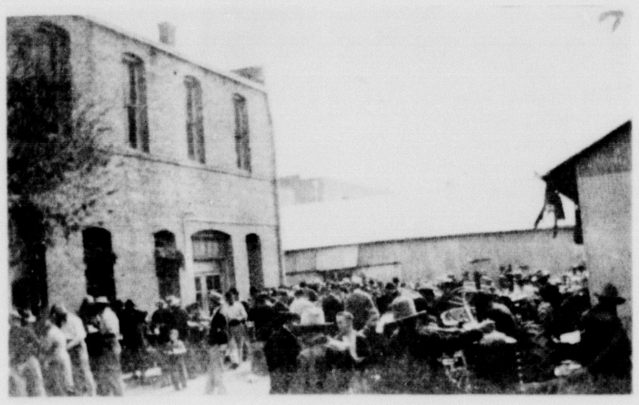
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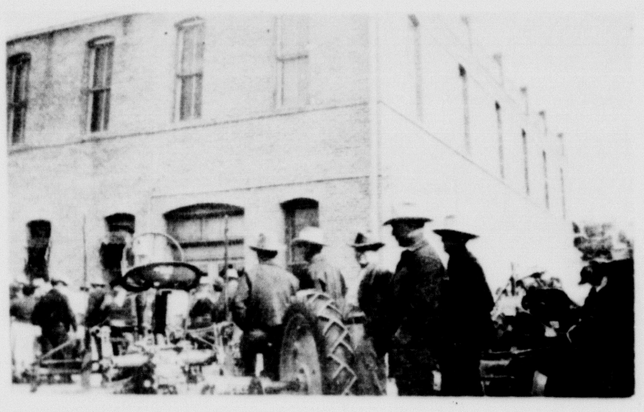
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Koch Hotel, established 1898, still standing in D'Hanis

D'Hanis was primitive in 1857

An account of the early beginning of D'Hanis, Texas is given by Frederick L. Olmstead, in his book "A Journey Through Texas". The book was written in 1857, and this portion is quoted from "A Twentieth Century History of Southwest Texas":

"D'Hanis, distant some twenty-five miles from Castroville, presents a most singular spectacle upon the verge of the great American wilderness. It is like one of the meanest and smallest of European peasant hamlets.

"There are about twenty cottages and hovels, all built in much the same style, the walls being made of poles and logs placed together vertically, and made tight with clay mortar, the floors of beaten earth, the windows without glass, roofs built so as to overhang the four sides and deeply shades them, and covered with a thatch of fine brown grass.

"There is an old little church, and the people are rigid Catholics, the priest instructing the children.

"This was a second colony of Mr. Henry Castro, established in 1846, but he here appears to have done little else than point out the spot and assign the land to the colonists. They suffered many hardships during the first year, depending partly on the government post (Fort Lincoln) for provisions, and for two years lived on game and weeds for the most part."



Louis Carle Building, D'Hanis, Texas.



Old Rothe Home, now Rowe Ranch Headquarters north of D'Hanis. Has historical marker.

Carle Mercantile, now Country Mart in D'Hanis

County has 21 historical markers

Medina County's historical sites and buildings are being catalogued and marked by the Texas Historical Survey Committee.

Serving as chairman of the committee is Mrs. Josie Finger of D'Hanis. The committee is actively searching for other sites that are of historical significance, but have not been marked as yet.

Those which have received markers or placques in Medina County (there are now 21) are from all corners of the county, and include buildings, as well as historic sites.

In Castroville, a marker commemorates the Centennial of Texas in 1936. Near Medina River Dam, a marker is placed signifying the site of the Mountain Valley settlement of Morman families.

Historical building medallions and aluminum official markers locate the first church in Castroville, on Angelo Street; the Dubuis House, also on Angelo Street; the Arcadia Steinle House at the corner of Florella and Petersburg; the first Medina County Courthouse, which is now the Castroville City Hall.

The Landmark Inn, at Florence and Florella Streets, and the F. Xavier Schmidt House at the corner of Libscomb and Naples Streets also have markers.

Castroville also has a Highway 90 marker, and historical markers on St. Louis Church and the Charles de Montel house.

The city of Devine has a Confederate information marker on Judge Thomas J. Devine, at the intersection of U.S. Highway 81 and State Highway 173.

In D'Hanis there is another 1936 Centennial marker commemorating the town of D'Hanis at the old St. Dominic's Church in Old D'Hanis. The site of Fort Lincoln, two miles north of D'Hanis on FM 1796, also has a marker.

The Rowe Ranch House, once owned by the Rothe family, just north of the Fort Lincoln site, also has a site marker. A new marker has recently been placed at the Old St. Dominic's Church ruins.

In Hondo there is a 1936 Centennial marker commemorating Medina County. It is at a roadside park 3.5 miles east of Hondo on U.S. Highway 90. A historical placque is on the side of the Fred Metzger House, one of two earliest houses in Hondo, at 1003 16th St. Under consideration for a marker is the old Hondo Masonic Cemetery, northeast of the town.

The town of Quihi has a marker, located east on Highway 90, 1.2 miles north on FM 689, and right 6.2 miles on FM 2676.

Two San Antonio markers are located in Medina County. They include the E. M. Stevens Ranch House 12 miles southwest of San Antonio on FM 195, Potranco Road; and the Gallegher Ranch House 2.3 miles northwest on State Highway 16.

Father Victor goes statewide in "pecan growing' relations

Saturday, March 3, in The Texas Star which appears in the San Antonio Light, Father Victor Schmidtzinsky of D'Hanis, will focus the publicity spotlight once again on Medina County.

This the hard working man of the cloth has done for many years through many efforts, and especially in pecan growing and award winning circles.

The story Saturday is written by Magdalene Boyle and gives an excellent account of the Holy Cross Church pastor who has nurtured the church pecan orchard into one of the finest in the state.

Pictures and story tell Father Victor's dedication and hard work in such an interesting manner one should not miss reading the article.

Father Victor joins select company in The Star this week since the magazine also carries a fine story on the Confederate Air Force.

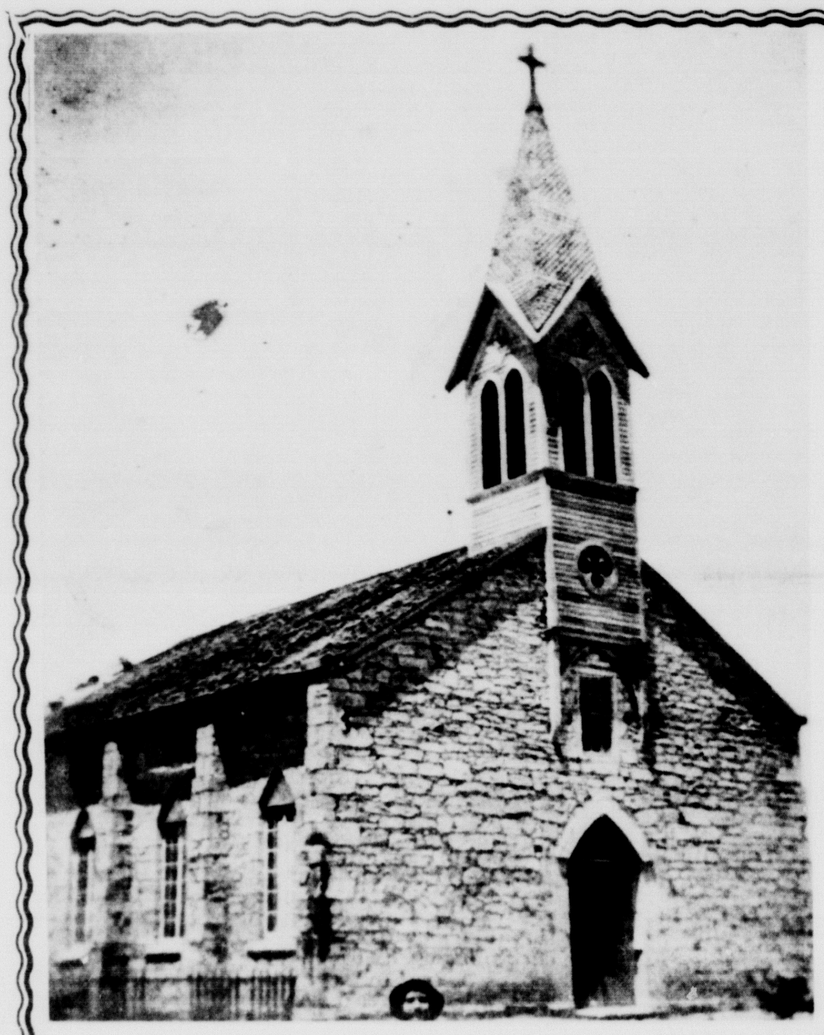
All of this will be in the Texas Star supplement in Saturday's San Antonio Light.

Quihi ALCW sets prayer day

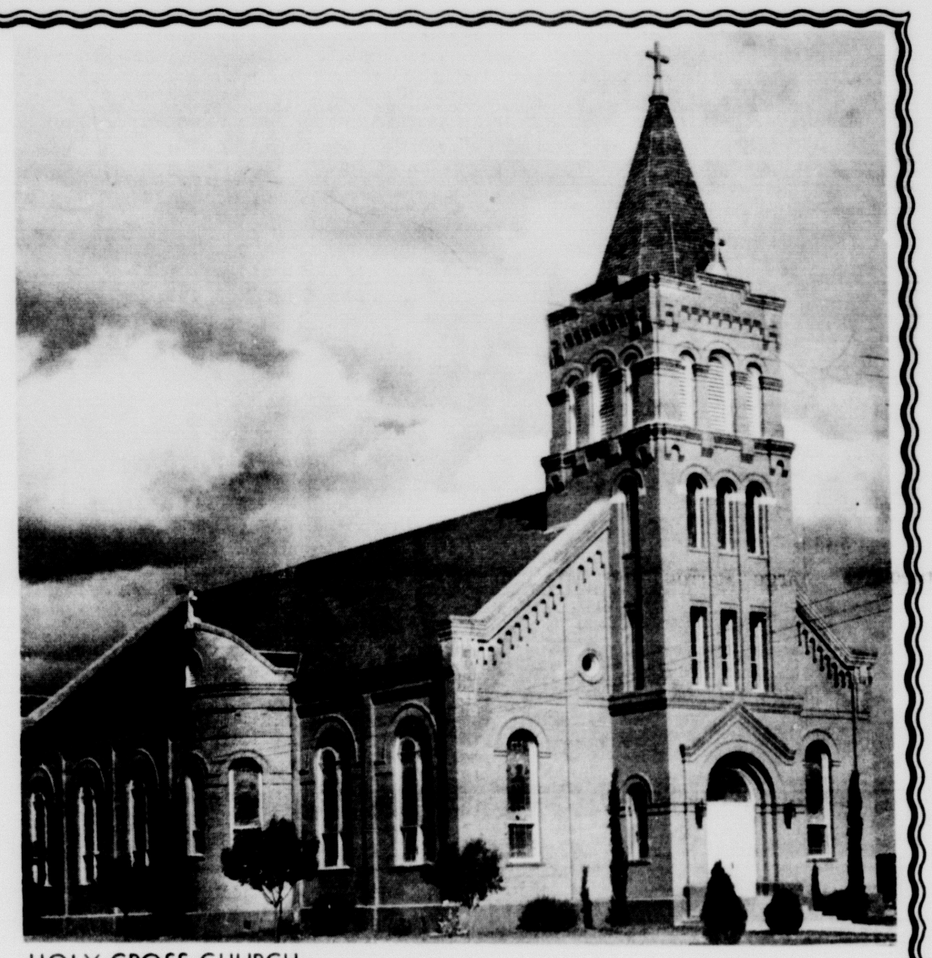
Quihi Bethlehem ALCW will have a World Day of Prayer service and their regular meeting on March 2, at 2:00. This will replace their March 7 regular meeting.

All ALCW members are urged to come and bring a friend.

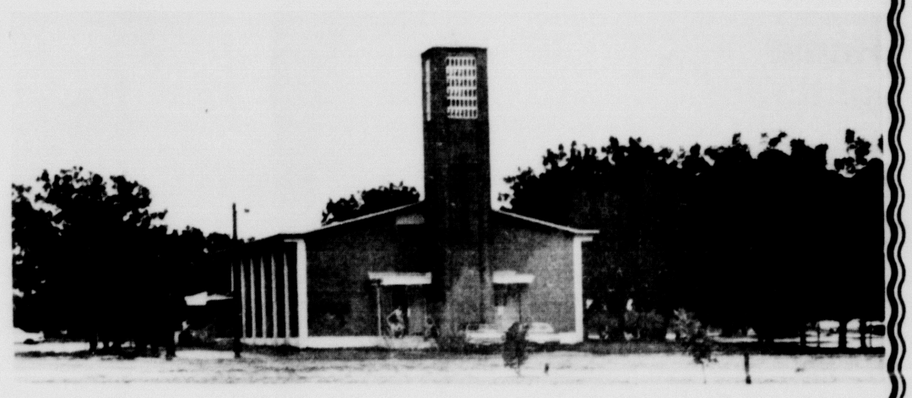
Also, Bethlehem Church services will be held on Ash Wednesday at 8 p.m.. All Wednesday night lenten services will be at 8:00.



ST. DOMINIC'S IN 1912
Built in 1855, this was the first permanent church building in D'Hanis. It served until the new Holy Cross Church was completed in 1914. Now it is marked with a Historical Marker.



HOLY CROSS CHURCH
Built in New D'Hanis, this church replaced the old St. Dominic's Church in 1914. It was destroyed in a tragic fire in May of 1963.



HOLY CROSS CHURCH TODAY
This modern church houses the faithful of D'Hanis' Holy Cross Parish. It was constructed in 1964 and is the fourth church in D'Hanis in 125 years.



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
Built in 1920, this church served the Mexican-American population of D'Hanis until it was consolidated with Holy Cross Church in 1947.

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MEDINA COUNTY OFFICIALS, 1912-1914 . . . Left to right are County Judge H. E. Haass; Deputy Assessor Charles Leinweber; H. B. Taylor, Tax Assessor; Fred Neuman, Commissioner of Precinct 1, Hondo; Joe Ney, Sheriff and Tax Collector; Anton Kilhorn, Commissioner Precinct 2, Castroville; C. A. Duncan, Commissioner Precinct 4, Devine; John B. Ney, Commissioner Precinct 3, D'Hanis; and August Kempf, County and District Clerk. [Photo Courtesy of Dr. O. B. Taylor]

4-H News

The North Hondo 4-H Club met for their regular monthly meeting on Feb 19, 1973. Peter Pope led the group in the motto and pledge; Denise Saathoff in the prayer, and Keith Saathoff in a song.

The business meeting was conducted by Emily Cox. Project reports were given by Keith Saathoff, rifle; Karen Reinartz on Dog Care; and Cathy Cox on County Food Show. New members are Dorita Martinez, Jay Wipff and Glenn Schweers.

Members signed up for bicycle project which will be led by Karl Reinartz. There were also ten members who signed up for clothing project.

The program was entitled "Hunter Safety" presented by J. K. Wipff, local game warden.

Recreation was led by Michelle Pope. Refreshments were served by the Saathoff and Pope families.

Medina County Agricultural Agent Glenn Bragg and his assistant, Wayne Scholtz, met with the Natalia 4H Club at the School Cafetorium Tuesday night.

Bragg gave an interesting talk on method demonstration. He also reminded the members that it was time to purchase calves for next year's county stock show.

The club was proud of the capons and lambs that were entered in the last stock show by the members; it was noted that all of the lambs entered placed.

A donation of $25.00 was given by the Medina State Bank in place of their bidding for animals at the stock show. The club certainly appreciates the interest that the bank has shown in their 4H Club work, both in their desire to improve the looks of the community and ecology-wise.

The club purchased and planted six shrubs in front of the Natalia High School.

The meeting was concluded with two method demonstrations. Mary Hartley gave a demonstration on the proper way of measuring foods and her sister, Laurie, with the aid of a poster, stressed the importance of why you should drink milk.

Menu

MARCH 5-9

MONDAY
- Corn Dogs
- Pork & Beans
- Slaw
- Oatmeal Cookies
- Milk

TUESDAY
- Salisbury Steak
- Catsup
- Mashed Potatoes
- Buttered Corn
- Fruit Roll
- Bread
- Milk

WEDNESDAY
- Burritos
- Spanish Hominy
- Combination Salad
- Ice Cream
- Bread
- Milk

THURSDAY
- Turkey & Noodles
- Buttered Peas
- Celery Sticks
- Hot Rolls
- Butter & Jelly
- Milk

FRIDAY
- Fish Sticks
- Catsup, Tartar Sauce
- French Fries
- Green Beans
- Congealed Gelatin
- Bread
- Milk

Miss Palmer honored with Shower

Miss Debbie Ann Palmer, bride-elect of Clifton Ray Breiten, was honored with a miscellaneous shower-tea on Saturday afternoon, January 27, at the Hermann Sons Hall in Dunlay.

The honoree wore a purple dress and was presented a purple and white corsage.

Also in the receiving line were her mother, Mrs. Neal Merchant, Mrs. Robert B. Breiten, Jr., her prospective mother-in-law, her stand-in godmother Margo Parrot, and Mrs. Calvin Bendele, her fiance's godmother. They all wore white corsages.

Cindy, a sister of the bride, registered the guests.

The serving table was draped with an ecru lace tablecloth and held a purple and pink centerpiece. Nuts and mints were served along with pink punch and white pineapple-filled cake.

Karen Palmer served the punch and coffee and Gloria Bendele served the cake.

The bride-elect was presented with a set of stainless steel cookware by the following hostesses:

Mesdames Elmer Bader, Florence Balzen, Calvin Bendele, Erwin Bendele, Harold Bohlen and Robert B. Breiten, III.

Also, Mmes. Eddie Boettcher, Edmond Burris, George Burris, Lawrence Haby, Anton Heiligman, and Donnie Horecka.

Also serving as hostesses were Mmes. John Krenmueller, Tom Matschek, Ivan Nester, Matt Saathoff, Victor Saathoff, Wesley Reitzer, Ben Schoellman and Mrs. Andrew Schweers and Misses Dorothy Bendele and Barbara Horecka.

D'Hanis School election set

The D'Hanis Independent School District has set Saturday, April 7, as school trustee election day.

Trustees will be elected for four positions--place #1, #4, #6, and #7.

Candidates should file with Board Secretary Dan Herrmann, or Supt. Roy Kile, on or before 30 days prior to election.

Blue and Gold Banquet held

The annual Blue and Gold Banquet of St. John's Cub Scout Pack #219 was enjoyed by parents and Cubs on February 25.

After the opening ceremony by Den 2, Cubmaster Bob Van DeWalle welcomed guests Rev. and Mrs. A. Hannemann, Mrs. Clara Stuebben, Mike Everett, Mrs. Jack Heath, George Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Winkler and Mr. and Mrs. Damon Westbrook.

The event celebrated the 63rd anniversary of Boy Scouting and the theme of the banquet was "Famous Americans".

A skit was presented by the Webelos Den, which portrayed the costume of early Americans.

Jerry and Gary Stanga, Brian Van DeWalle, Ray Lutz, Kevin Long and Doug Cole demonstrated what was worn by Minutemen, Johnny Rebs, Railroad Conductors, Farmers, and our modern American, the Spaceman.

Awards were presented to Steven Long, Brett and Scott Bader, Scott Peden, Brian Van DeWalle, and Jerry and Gary Stanga.

Special appreciation awards were presented to past den mothers, Mrs. Reno Stanga and Mrs. Fred Bader; past Webelos leader, Larry Winkler; Pack Secretary, Mrs. Bob Van DeWalle; and past committee chairman, Harold Lutz.

Special thanks were expressed to Lloyd Hermes for preparing the chicken barbecue and to Paul Glowka for furnishing the bread.

Recognition and thanks went to Den Chiefs Tony Mendoza, Doug and Chris Cole for their help to Den Mothers Marilyn Mumme, Jill Rogers, Margaret Mendoza and Pat Richards.

Mike Everett, Scout Representative of the Alamo Area Council, gave his thoughts on Scouting, after which Den 1 presented an enjoyable "Famous Americans" puppet show to conclude the festivities.

HHS Band student take medals

Hondo High School and McDowell Band students received 129 First Division Medals at the Region XI, U.I.L. Solo-Ensemble Contest held in Uvalde last Saturday.

This was the largest number received by any school in the Region. Hondo students have now received a total of 353 First Division medals in the past four years.

This week the Junior High School Band will be traveling to Brady to participate in the Heart of Texas Band Festival.

Both the Junior and Senior High Bands are busy preparing for the Region XI, Concert and Sight-Reading Contest to be held in Fredericksburg on March 16-17.

The Junior High will be trying for their fourth consecutive Special Award and the High School a third Sweepstakes Award.

The climax of performances for the High School Band will be participation in the Six Flags Over Texas Band Contest to be held at Six Flags on May 10-12.





Food was fine at Blue and Gold

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE PROPOSED REVISION OF AN ORDER REGULATING ACTIVITIES OVER THE OUTCROP OF THE EDWARDS UNDERGROUND RESERVOIR:

Gentlemen:

A Public Hearing will be held in the District Courtroom of the Medina County Courthouse in Hondo, Texas beginning at 2:00 p.m. on March 26, 1973 to discuss possible revision of Texas Water Quality Board Order No. 70-0731-12, which deals with the regulation of activities over the outcrop of the Edwards Underground Reservoir. The public is invited to attend and present evidence related to this matter.

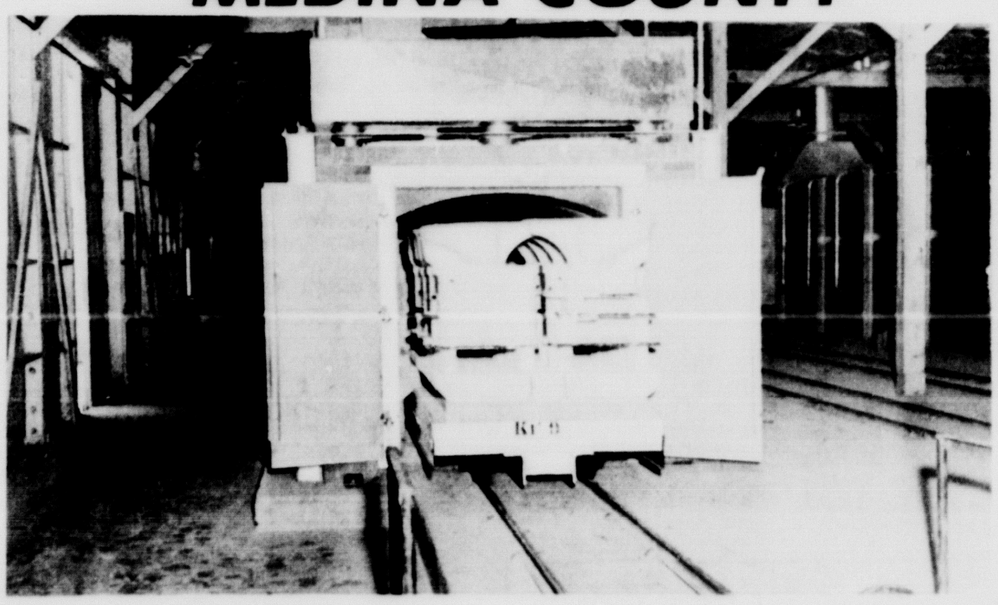
Issued this 27th day of February, 1973.

James Showen,
Director
Hearings and Enforcement
Texas Water Quality Board

PUB: March 1, 1973



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Schroder promoted

SAN ANTONIO--U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Arthur H. Schroder, son of Mrs. Thelma S. Schroder of 619 S. Shaver St., Pasadena, has graduated from the T-37 pilot instruction course at Randolph AFB, Texas.

During the 11-week highly specialized training, Colonel Schroeder completed 60 hours of diversified flying, 54 hours of academic training and six hours of instrument instruction.

The colonel is being assigned to Lackland AFB for duty with a unit of the Air Training Command which provides flying, technical and basic military training for Air Force personnel.

Colonel Schroder, who has served in Vietnam, is a 1945 graduate of Port Sulphur (La.) High School. He received his B.S. degree and his commission in 1953 from the U.S. Naval Academy, and holds an M.S. degree from George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

The colonel's wife, Barbara, is the daughter of Mrs. Melanie Graff of 2206 Avenue E, Hondo, and the late Bob Graff.

Ramon Castro is assigned

ALEXANDRIA, La.--U. S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Ramon Castro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Justino L. Castro, LaCoste, has arrived for duty at England AFB, La.

Sergeant Castro, a medical laboratory specialist with the Air Force hospital, previously served at Lackland AFB.

He is a 1960 graduate of LaCoste High School. The sergeant's wife is the former Annie M. Toves.



Vandenburg School, class of 1908

This picture of Vandenburg school children was made May 2, 1908. Students in photo are: Back Row--Alfred Schlentz, Emil Britsch, Robert Mumme, Emma Britsch, unidentified, Mary Saathoff, Amalia Mumme, Teacher Viola Hoog of Uvalde. Middle Row--Katie Winkler, Mary Mumme, Clara Decker, Walter Winkler, Frank Westfall, Anton Reitzer, George Britsch, John G. Britsch, Lorine Decker. Front Row--Marshall Saatoff, Arthur Schlentz, Charles Schlentz, Ernest Britsch, Herbert Decker, Alfred Winkler and Ernest Mumme. [Photo Courtesy of Emil Britsch.]

County schools have long history

The history of public and parochial education in Medina County during its earliest days was compiled by W. N. Saathoff, an early County School Superintendent, in 1927.

His story carries the history of county schools from the first school in 1855 through the turn of the century.

By W. N. Saathoff [1927]

The first attempt of a public school in Medina County was made in the village of Castroville by Messrs. Chas. DeMontel, John Vance and G. H. Noonan when they petitioned the police court for the use of the newly erected court house for school purposes. The petition was granted in February, 1855. Mr. DeMontel employed Mr. A. E. Briggs to teach the school at a salary of $35.00 a month for a period of four months. In 1856 the first public school of Quihi was opened with Prof. Walde as tutor for a term of three months at a salary of $60.00 for the term. The total amount of apportionment to the schools in Medina County in 1856 was $434.70, but was not all used for educational purposes. The balance was redistributed among the schools the next year at the rate of 1¼ cents per child per day.

Teachers employed that year were:

C. H. Oefinger, District 1, 28 Pupils, 8 Month Term, Salary of $53.80; Jos. Kempf, District 1, 68 Pupils, 8 Month Term, Salary of $156.77; Joe Courand, District 1, 25 Pupils, 5 Month Term, Salary of $28.78; Chas. Braemer, District 2, 24 Pupils, 1½ Month Term, Salary of $8.63; J. McClanahan, District 2; 21 Pupils, 8 Month Term, Salary of $20.16; J. L. Durham, District 2, 35 Pupils, 4 Month Term, Salary of $18.07; Aug. Weilbacher, District 2, 46 Pupils, 5 Month Term, Salary of $46.56; Hy. Ryan, District 3, 13 Pupils, 7 Month Term, Salary of $21.76.

In 1857 the state apportionment was $548.13, which amount not being used at the particular time was loaned out to the highest bidder.

The legislature being called in regular session in 1856 passes an educational bill creating a county board of examiners for teachers in every organized county. The following were appointed by the police court: James Paul, G. H. Noonan and F. Weisselberg.

In 1858 the police court decreed that the daily tuition per capita for indigent, orphan, and widowed children should be at the rate of five cents and all others at the rate of four cents per day. The teachers for that term were W. Kelly, R. Musgrave, J. D. Gibbons, C. N. Riott, Joe Courand, Joe Kempf and Chas. Oefinger.

In 1869 the parochial school at Castroville was under the supervision of Sister St. Andrews. The same year the liberated slaves on the Hondo Creek opened their first school with Mr. William Reid (Col.) teacher.

In 1870 five school districts were created in the county: Castroville Dist. No. 1. Trustees, Mat Fuos, P. Jungman, Joe Sharp. Quihi Dist. No. 2. J. O. Grell, Jacob Fritz and Jul. Hartung. New Fountain Dist. No. 3. Joe Decker, John Saathoff, and Henry Poehler. Seco Dist. No. 4. R. Reily, W. F. Poerner and Joe Ney. Francisco Dist. No. 5. F. Haass, John Trimble and William Redus.

In 1871 by special act of the Legislature of April 22, the police court levied the first district school tax at the rate of 12½ cents on the $100 valuation. On May 30, the county board of school directors were named: H. J. Richarz, president; Roland Goering, secretary; John Vance, treasurer. Bernhard Brucks and Fritz Haass, and Prof. Carl Runge was appointed the first principal or supervisor of the county. Miss Mary Howard was the first teacher who received her second class certificate from the county supervisor of the 24th judicial district. In 1871 J. McKean donated to the Quihi community four town lots for school purposes, but have never been used for school. They are now the property of the Lutheran church of that place. In 1872 the first maps bought by the board were placed in the schools at Quihi, New Fountain and Castroville. It was the Monteith Series.

The first public school house built in Medina County out of public funds was at Quihi, in 1875. Also, in 1875, the following texts were adopted to be used for the schools of the county:

Watson's Independent Readers. Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. Monteith's Geographies. Clark's Grammar, First Lessons and Normal. Quackenbo's Arithmetic, N. 1, 2, 3. Barnes' History of the United States. German's and Peterman's German Readers, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Shilling's Natural History--General Science.

At this time the community system of schools was adopted.

About 1880 the school affairs were taken from the county directors and vested in the commissioners court with the county judge action as ex-officio county superintendent.

In 1907 A. B. Brucks was the first county superintendent. He served until 1910, when W. N. Saathoff was elected, who served continuously until C. F. Schweers took office in 1934.

In 1911 control of the schools was vested in a county board of trustees with five members and the superintendent as ex-officio secretary of the board. The first board members were Mr. C. M. Thompson, R. S. Howard, L. A. Heyen, A. C. Wurzbach and H. G. Wilson.

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Schools in Hondo. The first school was organized in 1883 with 34 students, with G. I. Wilson, J. C. Carl and Henry Kueck as trustees. Prof. J. M. Prude was employed to teach a four months school at a salary of $197.20 for the term. The district was made independent in 1904.

Schools in D'Hanis. The first school was established north of the present townsite on the Seco Creek, at Fort Lincoln, with H. J. Richarz as school director. In 1871, Mr. Luers was teacher at D'Hanis, and Mr. Miller was teacher at Fort Lincoln. The independent school district was created there in 1909.

Are you a member of the Medina County Museum, Inc.? If not Mail your donation to P.O. Box 246, Hondo. All donations are appreciated.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that at the meeting of the City Council of the City of Hondo, to be held on the 13th day of March, 1973, the Council will act on a proposal to abandon and close the crossings across the right of way and tracks of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company at Avenue "O" and Avenue "J", within the corporate limits of the City of Hondo. Any person objecting to the closing of either of such streets at such locations may appear and be heard in opposition to the proposal.

GEORGE L. BRUCKS
Mayor
City of Hondo, Texas

PUB.: Feb. 15, Feb. 22, Mar. 1 & 8, 1973

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Equalization of the City of Hondo will meet at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 8 in the Council Room of the Hondo Municipal Building.

Any interested person has the right to appear before this board.

George L. Brucks
Mayor, City of Hondo

ATTEST:
Faye Walker
City Secretary

PUB: Feb. 22 & March 1 & 8, 1973

LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of the D'Hanis Independent School District set April 7 as election date for election of school trustees. Anyone desiring to file for office must do so 30 days prior to election date.

PUB: Feb. 22, 1973

NOTICE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF J. EDW. MEYER, INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF MARY LOUISE WHEELER, DECEASED

Pending in the County Court of Medina County--Matters of
Probate No. 3716

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE ESTATE:

WHEREAS, on the 27th day of February, 1973, in the County Court of Medina County, Texas, the undersigned duly qualified as Independent Executor of the Estate of MARY LOUISE WHEELER MEYER, Deceased:

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary on this Estate were granted, and this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law. Any person indebted to said Estate is hereby notified to pay same to the undersigned.

J. EDW. MEYER
Ind. Executor of the
Estate of MARY
LOUISE WHEELER
MEYER, Deceased
Route 1, Box 14
Dunlay, Texas 78018

PUB: March 1, 1973

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF HONDO

The City of Hondo is calling for sealed bids on a car for the Police Department.

Bids may be submitted until 5 p.m. on March 13 and will be opened and publicly read at the City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. on that date.

Specifications may be picked up at the City Manager's office.

City reserves right to reject any or all bids.

By Order:
George L. Brucks
Mayor, City of Hondo

ATTEST: Faye E. Walker
City Secretary

PUB: Feb. 22, Mar. 1, 1973

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Hondo will receive bids until 5 p.m. at City Hall March 13, 1973 for 1973 ½-Ton Pickup.

Specifications can be obtained at City Hall.

City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Mayor
George L. Brucks

ATTEST:
Faye E. Walker,
City Secretary

PUB: Feb. 22, Mar. 1, 1973

CONTRACTORS' NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for constructing 153.245 miles of Seal Coat

From Kimble Co. Line to Edwards Co. Line
From Kerr Co. Line to Kerr County Line
From Edwards County Line to Real County Line
From Kerr County Line to Jct. SH 16
From Medina to N. City Limits Bandera
From Tarpley to Medina County Line
From Bandera County Line to Jct. US 90
From Uvalde County Line to Jct. US 90 at D'Hanis
From Jct. FM 462 to Jct. SH 173
From Jct. IH 410 to Wilson County LIne
From East City Limits Pearsall to Atascosa County Lne
From Jct. SH 97 to 16.5 Miles SE Cotulla
From 16.5 Mi. SE Cotulla to Jct. FM 624

On Highway Nos. US 83, FM 689, SH 16, FM 462, FM 1796, FM 2200, FM 1346, FM 140 and FM 468, covered by C 36-2-4, C 36-9-4, C 36-10-4, C 421-6-8, C 291-5-20, C 848-3-5, C 848-4-15, C 595-2-13, C 2520-1-6, C 1437-1-18, C 748-1-15, C 652-4-22 and C 652-5-6 in Kerr, Edwards, Bandera, Medina, Bexar, Frio and LaSalle Counties, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 a.m., March 20, 1973, and then publicly opened and read.

Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available at the office of C. E. Hackebeil, Resident Engineer, Hondo Texas, and Texas Highway Department, Austin. Usual rights reserved.

PUB: March 1 & 8, 1973

NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF HONDO

Notice is hereby given that any qualified person who desires to have his name placed on the ballot of the City Election to be held on April 7, 1973 for the election of:

Mayor
Alderman Place No. 1
Alderman Place No. 2

must have filed his application on or before March 7, 1973 as required by law. Applications for such purpose may be obtained at the City Office.

George L. Brucks
Mayor

Attest:
Faye E. Walker
City Secretary

PUB.: Feb 15 & 22, Mar. 1, 1973

NOTICE OF COUNTY TRUSTEE ELECTION
THE STATE OF TEXAS)
)
COUNTY OF MEDINA)

TO ALL WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

By virtue of authority vested in me by law, I hereby Order and Notice is hereby given, that there will be an election held on Saturday, April 7, 1973 by the qualified voters of Commissioners precincts numbers one, two, three and four in said county, at the usual voting places in and for each school district in said commissioners precincts for the purpose of electing County Trustees as follows:

(1) For the election of one County - Trustee -at-Large for commissioners precincts No's one, two, three and four. Said trustee to be elected by the qualified voters of precincts one, two, three and four.
(2) For the election of one County Trustee for Commissioner's precinct No. II. Said trustee to be elected by the qualified voters of precinct No. II.
(3) For the election of one County Trustee for Commissioner's precinct No. IV. Said trustee to be elected by the qualified voters of precinct No. IV.
(4) Said election shall be held at the same time and place and by the same election officers who hold the election of school trustees in and for each school district; and the polls of said election places shall be open at 8 o'clock a.m. and not close before 7 o clock p.m.

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Jerome Decker
County Judge
Hondo,
Medina County, Texas

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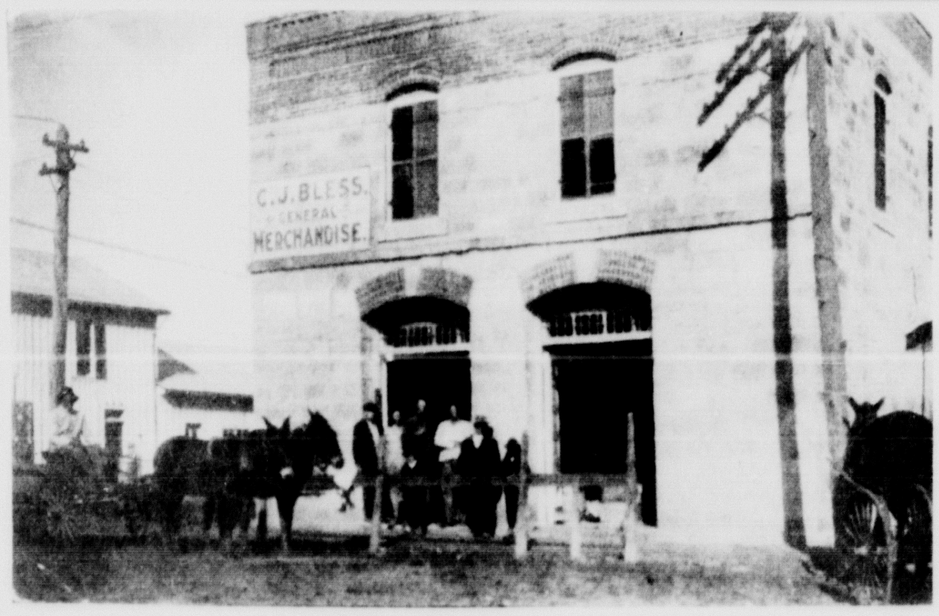
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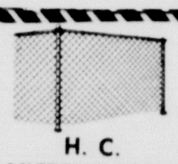
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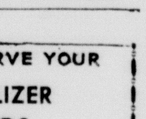
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The course, offered by the Extension Division of the University of Texas at Austin, is being sponsored locally by the Credit Bureau Service Center with the D'Hanis State Bank, Hondo National Bank and Lytle State Bank as co-sponsors.

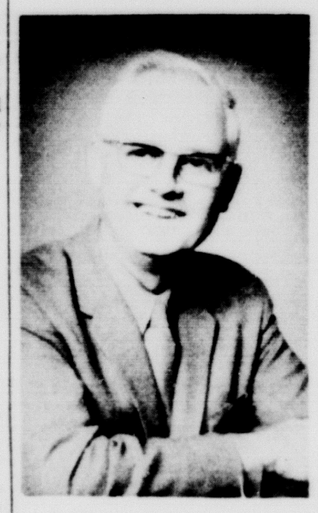
George and Evelyn Pletz, co-managers of the local credit bureau, encourage all who are working in businesses that extend credit for goods or services to attend.

This course also has material for the medical, dental and hospital professions. A review of credit basics along with the latest ideas, will be helpful to either the new or the experienced person. This is an entirely new course written for the development of the individual's personality and talent both on and off the job. Credit sales, account control, collections, legal aspects, customer-patient relations, and public relations will be taught.

William J. Strickler, credit specialist from the University of Texas at Austin, will conduct the class. Strickler's experience in the field of credit business includes more than 20 years as businessman, instructor and speaker. He has served as president of the Associated Credit Bureaus of Texas, president of the Retail Merchants Association of Texas, and National Director of Associated Credit Bureaus. He has been an active member and past president of the Chamber of Commerce, a lay leader in the Methodist Church, a Mason, Lion, civic leader, and member of the National Council of Scouting and other youth organizations.

There will be no examination, but a certificate will be issued by the University of Texas at Austin to all who attend as many as two of the three sessions.

For further information, call the Credit Bureau Service Center, Devine, phone 663-2001; Hondo, phone 426-3105.



William J. Strickler

Zuniga goes to Sheppard

SAN ANTONIO--Airman Ricardo Zuniga, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guadalupe G. Zuniga of LaCoste, has been assigned to Sheppard AFB after completing Air Force basic training.

During his six weeks at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, he studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

The airman has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Sheppard for specialized training in aircraft maintenance.

Airman Zuniga is a 1972 graduate of Medina Valley High School, Castroville.



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Ligon chooses Tyler J C

Keith (Kebo) Ligon, a three-year athletic standout at Hondo High School, has signed a letter of intent at Tyler Junior College, Tyler, Texas.

On hand for the signing was Billy Wayne Andrews, head football coach for the school.

The decision to attend Tyler Jr. College was no easy one for Keith. He was widely sought by colleges and universities from throughout the United States, including all members of the Southwest Conference.

Ligon will receive a full scholarship to the college, to include all fees and housing at Tyler Jr. College.

Tyler is widely known and respected as having one of the best junior college football programs in the nation, and many Tyler graduates have gone on to excel in athletics at major universities and in professional sports.

Andrews has tentative plans of using Ligon at the fullback slot, but regardless, Andrews said, "We'll let him play football for us."

And he should play well, too.

Kebo has been one of the finest Hondo football players ever, in a history that includes many standout atheletes.

He was the most sought-after athlete ever from Hondo, due not so much for today's publicity as it is to Kebo's talent and record.

In the just-past 1972 football season, Keith scored a total of 149 points, and amassed just over two thousand yards offense for the year.

Kebo scored 24 touchdowns, and five extra points. Each time he carried the ball, Ligon averaged 6.7 yards rushing, for a season total of 1,678 yards.

As a receiver, he caught seven passes for 212 more yards. He even was a part-time passer on the halfback option, completing 4 of 7 attempts for 118 yards and two touchdowns.

Keith is a 4.9 yard runner in the 40-yard dash (an additional talent he'll use in the new track program this spring), and he was never caught from behind on one of his patented long runs.

Keith will take with him to Tyler all the best wishes of Hondoans as well as others who have seen him play, and regardless of what the future holds, he has made a hometown record of admiration and friendship that will last a long, long time.



HE'S GOING TO TYLER JR. COLLEGE. . .it became official Wednesday afternoon at the High School. Keith Ligon signed a letter of intent to attend Tyler Junior College in Tyler. Signing the dotted line is Kebo, flanked by Coach Dan Keath, Heach Coach James Bohls, and Tyler Jr. College football coach Billy Wayne Andrews.

Cowboys lose bi-district bid

The D'Hanis Cowboys lost their bid for a bi-district championship Monday night as the Nueces Canyon Panthers drew first blood and never loss their lead. The Panthers won the game 55-46 at the Southwest Texas Junior College gymnasium in Uvalde.

The Canyon team jumped to an early seven-point lead, and led 17-12 after one quarter behind the ten points of James Ward.

The Panthers again outscored D'Hanis in the second quarter 13-9 to take a 30-21 margin at halftime.

After the half, it was the same story as Nueces Canyon again outscored D'Hanis 14-12. With the fourth quarter, the score was 44-33, Nueces Canyon.

The Cowboys drew within seven points halfway through the final quarter, but their rally was squelshed by Cowboy fouls and Panther rebounding. The final score, 55-46.

Leading the scoring for the Cowboys was Bobby Joe Rothe, with 21 points, followed by David Nester with nine and Spencer Burrell with seven.

High scorer for the night was James Ward of the Panthers, who had a total of 22 points. He was followed by Norman De Leon with 15 points, and Mike Brown with eight.

Nueces Canyon will advance to the Regional Tournament at San Marcos this weekend.

Exotic game course set

According to County Extension Agent Glenn Bragg, plans have been finalized for the short course on exotic big game ranching scheduled for March 7 and 8 at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Uvalde. Bragg said the short course will consist of two evening sessions beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The agent indicated the purpose of the short course is to provide information on the problems and potentials of exotic big game ranching as an alternative land use in Texas.

Topics to be discussed in the short course include: (1) an introduction to exotic game animals in Texas, (2) game ranching from a rancher's point of view, (3) food habits of selected exotic species, (4) economics of exotic game ranching, (5) the efforts of exotic species on grazing systems, and (6) basic biology of big game and its relationship to management.

Participants in the program will include Eugene Fuchs of the Eagle Ranch, Donnie Hormel of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, James Hensen of the Soil Conservation Service, and Kenneth Graeber, Dr. B. J. Ragsdale and Dr. Milo Shultz, all with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Anyone interested in exotic wildlife is encouraged to attend the short course," said Bragg.

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Baseball starts Friday

Friday will mark the beginning of Hondo High School baseball for 1973. The Owls will meet the Fredericksburg Battlin' Billies in Hondo at 4:15 p.m. for a single non-district game.

The game will mark the debut for new baseball coach Walt Rothe, now in his first year of coaching at Hondo.

The baseball team is now at full strength in personnel, since the basketball season ended last Tuesday and those boys are now able to concentrate on diamond activities.

The Owls will journey to Somerset on Tuesday, March 6, for a single night game, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

March 8, 9, and 10 will be the Carrizo Springs Tournament, and the Owls will go to Carrizo to compete in that event, also.

Gun Club meets Monday

The Medina County Gun Club will meet Monday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Indoor Rifle Range on the Airbase. A Small-bore Target Shoot will be held following the business meeting.

Members will participate free. Those interested in becoming members of the Club are invited to attend the event and join.

--Rothe Martin reporting

Track meet Saturday

The Hondo Track and Field Team will take to the field Saturday for the first time in recent Hondo High School history. They will travel to Devine for the Devine Invitational Track Meet to be held on March 3rd.

Coach James Bohls has been training his new thinclad charges at the practice field at McDowell Middle School for several weeks now, but bad weather has cut vital practice time to a minimum.

Despite their newness to the sport and the bad weather, Hondo's track men are optimistic about the season.

Work has been diligent at McDowell, and the boys are looking forward to their first meet with the notion of making a good beginning for Hondo's newest athletic sport.



COWBOYS TAKE TWO POINTS...

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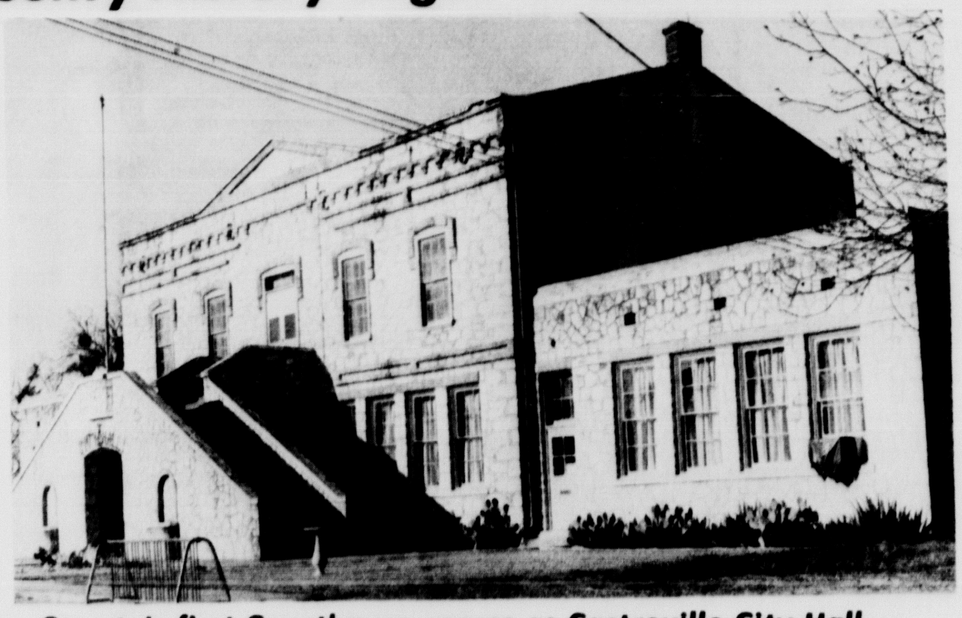
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County History began in Castroville



County's first Courthouse serves as Castroville City Hall

Castroville has always been an Integral part of the history of Medina County. We take pride in saluting all residents of our Alsatian City and of all Medina County.

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PEARL BEER DISTRIBUTING CO.
LYNN BOEHME, DIST.
CASTROVILLE, TEXAS

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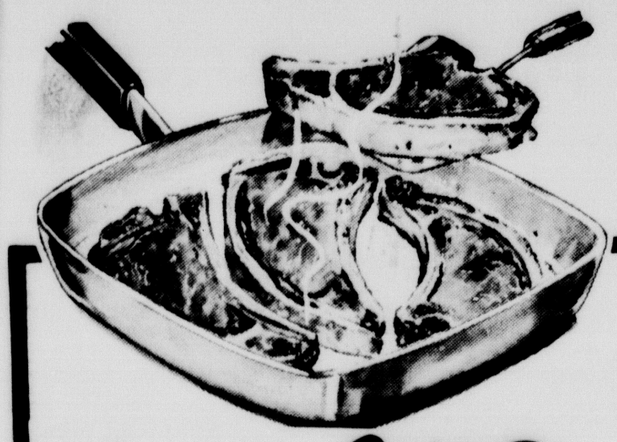
Week-LONG SPECIALS

GREASE JOB $1.25

WASH JOB $2.00

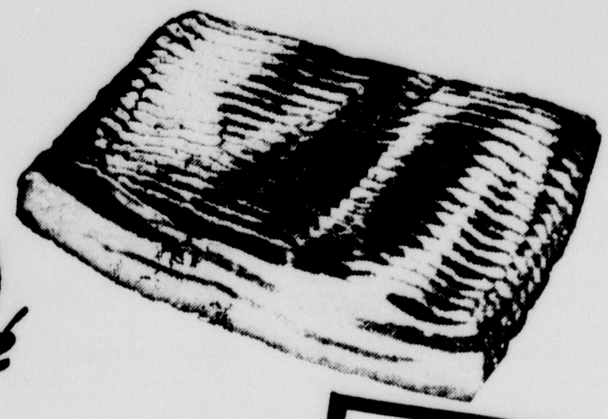
FLATS $1.25

Alvarez Phillips 66 Service Station
1409 19 th St.
426-8845
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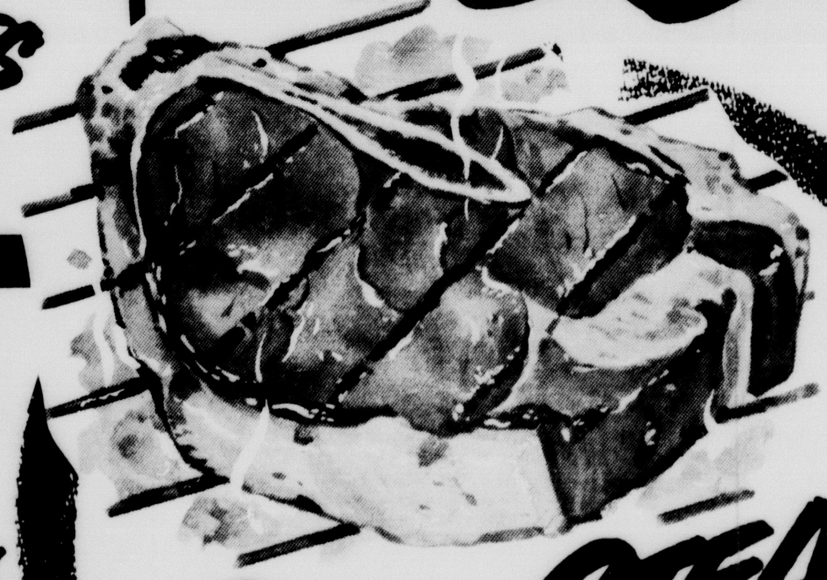


PORK CHOPS
POUND.. 98¢

RATH BLACKHAWK
BACON
LB. 89¢



PRICES GOOD FOR FEB. 28 MAR. 1-2 3-5-6th 1973



Sirloin STEAK
POUND.. $1.39

PUMP ROAST LB $1.09
TOP ROUND STEAK LB $1.39
NESTER'S LINK SAUSAGE LB $1.09
WISCONSIN HORN CHEESE LB 98¢
FRESH SALT PORK LB 65¢
RATH BOLOGNA OR LUNCH MEAT LB 89¢
RIB CUT CLUB STEAK LB $1.29

Seven STEAK
POUND... 95¢

ROUND ROAST LB 98¢

RATH FRANKS LB 79¢

MIRACLE WHIP QT. 59¢
LIMIT-1

DEL MONTE CORN 4 FOR $1
No 303 CAN...

KLEENEX TOWELS 3 FOR $1
JUMBO ROLL

BAKE RITE SHORTENING
3 LB. 59¢

PHILADELPHIA CREAM CHEESE 10¢
3 OZ. SIZE

CHAPMAN GRADE A MED. EGGS DOZEN.. 49¢

•Frozen Foods•

BORDEN'S ICE CREAM ½ GAL. 79¢
MORTON'S FRUIT PIES EACH.. 35¢
GORTON'S FISH STICKS 16 OZ. SIZE 89¢
JET WHIPPED TOPPING 100Z. 39¢
PATIO MEXICAN DINNERS EACH.. 49¢

Nester's SUPER MARKET
426-2241

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES

BUTTER KRUST Cinnamon ROLLS PKG. 31¢
HANLEY'S BEER 6 PACK CANS 89¢
JERGEN'S LOTION 10 OZ. 99¢
DEODORANT RIGHT GUARD 7 OZ. $1.29
BLUE BONNET MARGARINE LB. 35¢

MARYLAND CLUB COFFEE 2 LB. $1.89
DAD'S ROOT BEER ½ GAL. 49¢
RENOWN #300 CAN TOMATOES 2 FOR 39¢
CHICKEN OF THE SEA TUNA ½ SIZE 2 FOR 89¢
SMUCKER'S GRAPE JELLY 10 OZ. 35¢
CARNATION NON-FAT Chocolate DRY MILK 3 QT. 79¢
PINTO BEANS 4 LB. 59¢
HUNT'S SNACK PACK PUDDING 59¢
3 LB CAN SANI-FLUSH EA. 59¢
DETERGENT BOLD GNT. SIZE 69¢
GLADIOLA FLOUR 5 LB BAG. 59¢
DIAMOND FOIL 25 FT. ROLL 25¢
SUNSHINE CRACKERS LB. 41¢

NESTER'S
WITH THIS COUPON
1-pound Can of Maryland Club Coffee
75¢
Without coupon 95¢
Cash value 1.20¢ Limit one per customer
EXPS. MAR. 6 #39



TOP QUALITY PRODUCE

FRESH CREAMY AVOCADOS EACH.. 17¢
JUICY TANGERINES LB 29¢
FRESH POTATOES 5 LB BAG. 79¢
DELICIOUS APPLES LB 29¢
Fresh CABBAGE
POUND.. 9¢

SUNSET
GROCERY and MARKET
2001 14th HONDO 426-8829
Open 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Get In On a Good Thing
Feb. 28 - March 3 FOOD SPECIALS

Apco all meat BOLOGNA LB. 69¢
SALAMI Apco LB. 69¢
PORK CHOPS LB. 98¢
Apco BULK FRANKS Lb. 63¢
RIB STEAKS LB. 97¢
FAB Giant size 79¢

Bake-Rite SHORTENING 3 lb. can 69¢
EGGS 1 Doz. Chapman (Med.) 55¢
Kimbell PINTO BEANS 4-Lb. Bag 49¢
MILK Metzgers 2 - ½ gal. $1.09
PURE LARD Roegeliens 3 Lb. Ctn. 59¢
METZGERS ORANGE DRINK ½ gal. 29¢

$ $ $
CHUCK STEAKS Lb. 97¢
COFFEE Folgers 1 lb. Can 99¢
Market sliced BACON LB. 93¢
PEARL Throw away 6 pk hot $1.09

TOMATOES LB. 31¢
ORANGES 5 lb. bag 69¢
POTATOES #1 10 Lb. Bag 95¢
LETTUCE Ea. 25¢



FIRST NATIONAL BANK . . . as seen then, as it is today. in about 1905, proved a bank was busy

BROWN'S NURSING HOME NEWS

DONATE FLAG

Relatives of Mrs. Josephine Thorp recently donated a flag to Brown's Nursing & Convalescent Center.

Mrs. Thorp had made the nursing home her home from July 1971 to August 1972 when she passed away.

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Valentine's Day at the nursing home was a busy time. Mrs. Amy Frazier came to have the regular birthday party of the month. All the residents and employees were served cake and punch.

The Martha Club of St. Johns Catholic Church visited each resident. They brought goodies of cookies, candy and valentines to all of the residents.

Mrs. Jane Marrs and the Rainbow girls of the Hondo Assembly Group 258 brought valentines for all the residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Peden treated the staff to valentine candy.

Joe Ivey Mueller visited Mrs. Emma Love last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Renken of Canyon Lake Hills visited Mrs. Clara DeGrodt last week.

Visiting Mrs. Regina Burell last week were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bendele and Red Burell. Also visiting her was Joe Mann of Castroville.

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Public Records
FROM MEDINA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

REAL ESTATE

F. L. Graham and wife, Delma V. Graham, to Clyde Sparks and wife, Eva V. Sparks, deed to Lot 7, Blk. 44, Natalia Townsite, Medina County, $10 etc.

Alfred B. Wiemers and Corine F. Wiemers, husband and wife, to Veteran's Land Board of the State of Texas deed to 50.0 acres of land, 8 miles S. 8 degrees E. of Hondo, containing 27.24 acres out of Sur. No. 370½, Wright Fullmore, Original Grntee, Abst. 1378, 0.20 acres out of Sur. No. 103, S.M. & S. Original Grantee, Abst. 925, and 22.56 acres out of Sur. No. 581, Wm. T. Evans, Original Grantee, Abst. 1377, Medina County, $10,000 etc.

William L. Herring and Richard M. Herring to Jane Herring, deed to al of Lot 18 and the W. ½ of Lot 19, NCB 117, Bain Addition, Devine, $10 etc.

Claud Leonard Williams and wife, Juanell Williams, to Homer Stewart Love and wife, Naomi LaRue Love, deed to Lot 1, Blk. 52, Natalia Townsite, $10 etc.

Medina County Water Control & Improvement District No. 3 to Charley Boeker deed to Lot 4, Blk. 43, Natalia, $10 etc.

Jerry O. Rucker and wife, Billie Dee Rucker, to Frank J. Miller deed to Lots 14 & 15, Blk. 1, George Fernandez Addition, Devine, $10 etc.

Hondo Homes, Inc., a corporation, to Allen Curtis Lee and Nelda Day Lee, husband and wife, to Lot 6, Blk. 2, Harmony Park Subd., Hondo, $10 etc.

Tolbert Brown and wife, Florence Brown, to E. W. Garrett deed to 20 acres of land, more or less, out of a 90-acre tract, C. Logan, Original Sur. No. 25-1-8 and 77.23-acre tract, J. P. Houghton, Original Sur. No. 25-3-8 and comprising the N. part of B. No. 46, San Antonio Suburban Irrigated Farms Subd. of lands in Bexar County, $10 etc.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Robert Burrell and Cynthia Lynn Johnston, Feb. 16.

Demetrio Garza and Diana Olivan, Feb. 16.

Efrain Campos and Gloria Santos, Feb. 20.

NEW CAR REGISTRATIONS

Foy C. Anderson, SA, Chev. PU. Michael Pollock, Big Food, Chev. Miles J. Mullin, SA, Ford. Vincent M. Vega, Universal City, Ford. Terry L. Moses, Devine, Ford PU. Ignacio G. Martinez Jr., Somerset, Ford PU. D. F. McMains, SA, Chev. R. D. Park, Devine, Chev. Flatbed.

Executive Medical Leasing Corp., SA, Chev. Medina Valley State Bank, Devine, Buick. Jennifer Ritchie, Eagle Pass, Ford PU. Mrs. Elsie Whitley, Charlotte, Gremlin, Chas. Rogers, Devine, Chev. Maurice J. Zerr, Hondo, GMC PU. Burnis K. Lawrence, Hondo, Chev.

Barbara J. Daffern, SA, Pontiac. Donald E. Gilbert & Marie F. Gilbert, SA, Chev. Raymundo Villarreal, Cevine, Chev. PU. Jack W. Fowler, LaVernia, Chev. Sta. Wgn. R. Lopez Plumbing Co., SA, Chev. PU. Brown Chev. Co., Inc., Devine, Chev. Utility. Herman Dabbs, Devine, Chev. Stake. Douglas C. Haby, Rio Medina, Chev. PU.

Leroy H. Britsch, Hondo, Chev. PU. Bobby C. Adams, Poteet, Chev. PU. Eddie Ricord, Devine, Chev. Malibu. Martha D. Schweers, Hondo, Ford LTD. Stanley Haby, Castroville, Ford PU. Valdina Farms, Sabinal, Ford PU. Armando Garcia, Laredo, Chev. PU. Pablo Roman, LaPryor, Chev. Vega.

Rumaldo H. Cisneros, SA, Chev. PU. Felix Cerda, SA, Chev. PU. Demitrio C. Garza, LaCoste, Chev. Louis F. Mendoza, Laredo, Chev. H. F. Rabon, Con Can, Chev. El Camino, J. C. Budett, Pleasanton, Ford. Frank D. Hawes, Lytle, Ford Maverick. Donald H. English, Von Ormy, Ford. William C. Haywood, SA, Ford Van. David E. Furniss, SA, Ford SW.

Happy birthday

MARCH 2
Gary Balzen
Mary Kelley Schott
Mrs. Frank Groff
Walter Ulbricht, Sr.
Mrs. Regina Mueller
Carol Ann Kuehne
Suzanne Koch

MARCH 3
Mrs. William Wengenroth
Mrs. Henry Zinsmeyer
Joe Tondre
Bonnard Rothe

MARCH 4
Mrs. Henry Ahr
Richard Nester
Linda Jean Shaw

MARCH 5
Cale James Aldrich
Mrs. Ida Stiegler
L. F. Laake
Mrs. Howard Hyman
Janis Pella
Mrs. Steven Myers

MARCH 6
Barbara Bendele
L. M. Pittman, Sr.
Mrs. Oscar Leinweber

MARCH 7
Clarence Muennink
Ron Wasag
Mrs. Andy Schneider
Lt. Col. R. G. Shaw
Mrs. Bernard Weynand

MARCH 8
Patricia Lester Landrum
Mildred Wurzbach
Clifford Hutzler
Ben Crow
Patsy Brownson
Gail Lutz

G & M FOOD STORE
1109-17th. ST.
HONDO, TEXAS

RIGHT THIS WAY TO SAVINGS!

SPECIALS FOR THUR. MARCH 1st.
THRU SATURDAY MARCH 3rd. 1973

GREEN GIANT PEAS 303 Can 25¢
TANG ORANGE Appothecary Jar-18 oz. 99¢
3-MIN OATS Quick & Old Fashioned 18 Oz. Box 33¢
ZEE NAPKINS 160 Ct. Asst. 29¢
CRISCO SHORTENING 3 Lb. Can 89¢
BLUE RIBBON ALL VEGETABLE OLEO 1 Lb. Ctn 23¢

KRAFT MAYONNAISE Qt. JAR 79¢
KOUNTY KIST W.K. GOLDEN CORN 12 Oz. Can 17¢
KRAFT MACARONI DINNERS 7¼ Oz. Box 23¢
N.B.C. CORTINA CHOCOLATE COVERED CHERRIES 10 Oz. Box 39¢
BAMA PEANUT BUTTER CREAMY & CRUNCHY 12 Oz. Jar 39¢

VAN CAMP GRATED TUNA 3 ½'s Cans $1.00
IMPERIAL SUGAR 5 Lb. Bag 69¢
BAMA RED PLUM JAM 18 Oz. Jar 35¢

HOME LAUNDRY DASH $3.99

KRAFT MIRACLE WHIP SALAD DRESSING Qt. Jar 59¢

REYNOLD'S FOIL REG. 12"x25 Ft. Roll 29¢

LIBBY'S TOMATO SAUCE 8 Oz. Can 10¢
LIPTON CUP-A-SOUPS ALL FLAVORS 4 ct. Pkg. 33¢
FIRESIDE SALTINE CRACKERS Lb. Box 29¢

Clip & Save $

G.E.M. SAVE 15¢ WHEN YOU BUY A 1 LB. CAN of FOLGER'S COFFEE
SPECIAL PRICE WITH THIS COUPON 79¢
GOOD THRU 3-3-73

JELL-O SAVE 10¢ JELL-O GELATIN 4 PKGS 39¢ AT G.E.M. 3-3-73

BUTTER-KRUST BREAD 2 1 lb LOAFS 45¢
We Reserve the Right to Limit

G.E.M. With Coupon 99¢ FAMILY SIZE FAB 3-3-73 THIS COUPON ONLY REDEEMABLE AT G.E.M.

QUALITY MEATS
G.E.M. SMOKED PORK LINK SAUSAGE lb. 98¢
HORMEL THIN SLICED BLACK LABEL BACON lb. 95¢
KRAFT AMERICAN CHEESE lb. 95¢

CRISPY FRESH VEGETABLES
LARGE FRESH LETTUCE Hd. 25¢
WHITE ONIONS lb. 19¢
FRESH POTATOES 10 lb. BAG 98¢

GREEN GIANT FRENCH STYLE GREEN BEANS 303 CAN 23¢
FRENCH'S COUNTRY STYLE MASHED POTATOES 16 oz. Box 57¢

HEINZ KETCHUP "LOVER'S SIZE" 26 Oz. Btl. 39¢

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GOLD STAR SPECIAL

VILLAGE PARK
CORN OIL
48 OZ. BOTTLE **99¢**



MAZOLA CORN OIL 48 OZ. BOTTLE $1.09

H.E.B.

PRICES GOOD THRU Tues. Feb. 6

PLAZA PUFF
ASSORTED COOKIES
8½-OUNCE BAG **33¢**

GOLD STAR SPECIAL

PHILADELPHIA
CREAM CHEESE
3 OZ. FOIL **10¢**



GOLD STAR SPECIAL

PARKVALE
SALAD DRESSING
32 OZ. JAR **35¢**



BROWN N SERVE ROLLS REG. 32¢ PKG OF 12 ..... 25¢



USDA GOOD BEEF
CHUCK ROAST
BLADE CUT POUND **89¢**

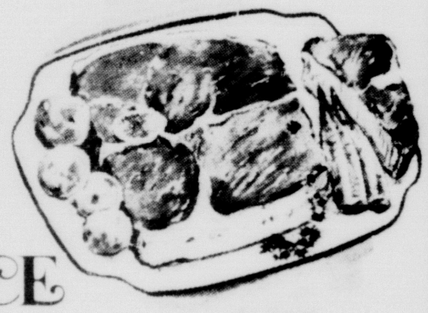
DECKER QUALITY
SLICED BACON
12 OZ. PKG. **79¢**

Breaded, Hormel **Beef Patties**	12oz.	79¢
Boneless, Lean Beef **Stew Meat**	Lb.	$1.19
Beef, Tenderized **Cube Steaks**	Lb.	$1.69
Shoulder, Tender Beef **Round Roast**	Lb.	$1.09

RIB STEAKS	Family Package Pound.....	$1.09
TURKEY LEGS	Lots of Meat Pound.....	35¢
GAME HENS	Patti Jean Cornish Pound	83¢

All Meat, Ranch Country. **Franks**	12oz. Pkg.	68¢
Hormel Black Label **Sliced Bacon**	1-Lb. Pkg.	$1.09
Mariner Brand **Fish-Sticks**	8oz. Pkg.	28¢

SHOULDER STEAK
SWISS CUT POUND **$1.19**



H-E-B GOLDEN SERVICE

GOLD STAR SPECIAL

VILLAGE PARK PURE CANE
SUGAR
5 LB. BAG **59¢**



Limit 1 With $5 Purchase; Additionals 65c

GOLD STAR SPECIAL

Del Monte
FRUIT COCKTAIL
NO. 303 CAN **29¢**

PILLSBURY
BUTTERMILK BISCUITS
8 OZ. CAN **8¢**

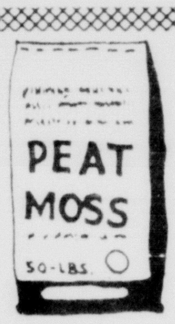


* MARY ELLEN BAKERY

PINEAPPLE POCKET ROLLS	REG. 35¢ PKG. OF 6	29¢
GOLDEN CUPS	PKG.	79¢
POWDER SUGAR CAKE DONUTS	PKG. OF 12	43¢
STRAWBERRY TORTE CAKE	REG. $1.89 EACH	$1.79
ASSORTED COOKIES	$ DOZEN	$1.00

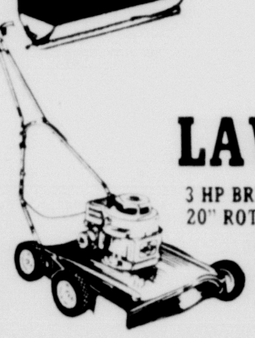


PHILLIPS 66
AMMONIUM SULFATE
FERTILIZER
50 LB BAG **$1.88**



PEAT MOSS
50 LB. BAG **1.19**

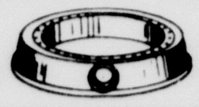
POWER
LAWN MOWER
3 HP BRIGGS & STRATTON ENGINE
20" ROTARY BLADE **$44.99**





½" DIAMETER
GARDEN HOSE
50 FOOT **$1.68**

PLASTIC RING
LAWN SPRINKLER
69¢





ALUMINUM
LAWN CHAIR
5x5x4 GREEN & WHITE WEBS **$3.49**

OWNED & OPERATED BY H.E.BUTT GROCERY CO.

BROWN N SERVE ROLLS REG. 32¢ PKG OF 12 ..... 25¢

GOLD STAR SPECIAL

PARKVALE
SALAD DRESSING
32 OZ. JAR **35¢**

GOLD STAR SPECIAL

GREAT WESTERN
RANCH STYLE BEANS
NO. 300 CAN **15¢**



FROZEN FOODS

ALL VARIETIES EXCEPT BEEF & HAM BANQUET DINNERS 11 OZ. PKG	39¢	Morton's English or Corn Muffins HONEY BUNS 10 OZ. SIZE	37¢
GREEN GIANT NIBLETS CORN 10 OZ. PKG	29¢	ORE IDA HASH BROWN POTATOES 12 OZ. PKG	27¢
WESTPAC BROCCOLI SPEARS OR FORDHOOK LIMAS 10 OZ. PKG	23¢	PATIO BEEF TAMALES 12 COUNT PKG	75¢
BIRD'S EYE WITH CREAM SAUCE PEAS WITH CAULIFLOWER 10 OZ. PKG	39¢	PATIO BEEF TACOS 24 COUNT PKG	75¢
BIRD'S EYE WITH SEASON SAUCE BABY LIMAS 10 OZ. PKG	39¢	PARK MANOR WHIPPED TOPPING 9½ OZ. CONTAINER	23¢
GOLDEN SHORE SHRIMP CREOLE 8 OZ. PKG	69¢		

NORTHERN BATHROOM TISSUE	4 ROLL PKG	43¢
GRAPE, ORANGE OR FRUIT DRINK Parkvale Drinks	GALLON BOTTLE	59¢
PARKAY, SOFT MARGARINE	LB CARTON	39¢
H.E.B., CUT GREEN BEANS	NO. 303 CAN	19¢
H.E.B. PREMIUM COFFEE	2 LB. VACUUM	$1.85
LE SUEUR PEAS	NO. 303 CAN	33¢
KRAFT'S MACARONI & CHEESE DINNER	7¼ OZ. BOX	21¢
RANCH STYLE PLAIN CHILI	NO. 2 CAN	79¢

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Reese Peanut Butter Plain, Almond, Krackel 10 PACK **3/$1.00**

Plaza **CANNED DRINKS** **12/$1.00**

Del Monte **CORN** Cream Style or Whole kernal 303 can **21¢**

Plaza **BEAN DIP** 10½ oz. **27¢**

PARK MANOR ICE CREAM ½ GALLON **69¢**
ROYAL MAID SHERBET ½ GALLON **69¢**

ORANGES	California Seedless Navel	LB.. 19¢
GRAPEFRUIT	Texas Tree Ripened Red	LB.. 19¢
Washington Fancy Gol. Del. **Apples**	Lb.	29¢
Cal. Fresh Green Pascal **Celery**	Large Stalk Ea.	25¢
Fresh Tender Green **Squash**	Lb.	25¢
Fresh Large Luscious Pint Box **Strawberries**	Ea.	49¢
Village Park ½ Gal. Pure **Orange Juice**	Ea.	87¢

Gardenias Minature Blooming 4" Pot **99¢**

Mums Assorted Colors 6" Pot Foil Wrapped **$2.59**

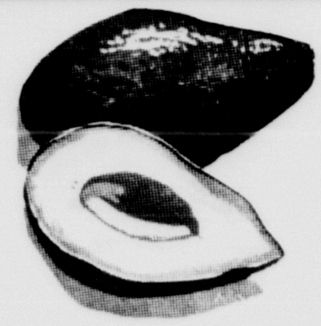
Rosebushes Tyler Field Grown #2 **89$**



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COLLECT THE COMPLETE SET!
Choice of 3 Beautiful Patterns!

Enjoy the table-brightening beauty of this fine genuine Stoneware tableware. Exquisitely hand-decorated, it has the rich gourmet beauty for company use . . . yet strong, easy-care stoneware is perfect for cheerful everyday use too. Functional and versatile, you'll delight in the way the complete variety of serving pieces go from oven to table and then to freezer. The newest designs with cups and serving pieces in a graceful provincial shape. Cups stack to save storage space.

This weeks special **SAUCER 49¢** with EACH $3.00 Purchase NO LIMIT



AVOCADOS
CALIFORNIA NEW CROP FUERTE EACH..... **19¢**

Texas Fresh Crisp 1# Bag **Carrots**	Ea.	19¢
U.S. #1 Colorado **Yellow Onions**	Lb.	19¢
Marvin's Ready to Serve 8oz. Bag **Cole Slaw**	Ea.	19¢
Idaho Fancy Baking Russet **Potatoes**	Lb.	19¢
Mary Ellen Pkg. of 4 **Dessert Shells**	Ea.	25¢

FIGURE ON $AVING$

WHEN YOU FOOD SHOP HERE!

KRAFT
SALAD DRESSING
MIRACLE WHIP
Qt. JAR 59¢



SWANS DOWN
LAYER
CAKE MIXES
4 PKGS. $1





Valuable Charmin Bathroom Tissue Coupon



4 rolls for 37¢
with this coupon
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1 coupon per family. Offer expires
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SAVE 4¢
SAVE 4¢

STAR-KIST TUNA 2 ½ SIZE CANS 89¢
FOLGER'S COFFEE lb. CAN 87¢
WAXTEX WAX PAPER 4 100 FT. ROLLS $1
SUNSHINE HYDROX COOKIES 20 OZ. PKG. 59¢
LIQUID IVORY KING SIZE 79¢
WATKIN'S NEW GOURMET EXTRACTS BUTTER RUM BRANDY 3 FOR $2.04 REG. 3 FOR $2.85

LIBBY'S PORK & BEANS 6 14 OZ. CANS $1
LIBBY'S STUFFED OLIVES 7¼ OZ. JAR 59¢
O.B. MACARONI & SPAGHETTI 2 7 OZ. CTNS. 31¢
DAIRYLAND MILK ½ GAL. 65¢
WHITE KING SOAP REG. BAR 5¢
WHITE KING SOAP BATH BAR 10¢

IMPERIAL SUGAR 5 lb. BAG 63¢
LIMIT ONE WITH $5.00 PURCH.



Quality MEATS

ROEGELEIN'S BACON lb. PKG. 89¢
ROEGELEIN'S CLUB HAMS lb. $1.19 WHOLE ONLY
CHUCK OR SHOULDER ROUND ROAST lb. 95¢

MEADOWLAKE OLEO 4 lb. CTNS. $1

SPECIALS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th. THRU TUES. MARCH 6th, 1973.

ROEGELEIN'S FRANKS 12 OZ. PKG. 59¢
GROUND MEAT lb. 99¢
TO BAR-B-QUE RIBS lb. 55¢
EXTRA LEAN GROUND MEAT lb. $1.19

SHOULDER STEAK lb. 95¢
SEVEN ROUND STEAK lb. 95¢
RIB STEAK lb. 95¢
SIRLOIN STEAK lb. $1.35
BONELESS BRISKET lb. $1.19
AUGE'S COUNTRY STYLE SAUSAGE lb. $1.09

LIBBY'S WHOLE TOMATOES 303 CAN 23¢

Health and Beauty Center

TABLET'S 60 CT. BUFFERIN	REG. $1.23	89¢
SPRAY DEODORANT BAN	REG. $1.07	69¢
COLD CREAM PONDS	REG. $1.19	79¢

SPARKLING FRESH FRUIT

CREAMY CALAVOS EACH 15¢

RED RIPE TOMATOES	lb.	25¢
DELICIOUS APPLES	lb.	27¢
FRESH POTATOES	8 lb. BAG	77¢
CRISPY CABBAGE	lb.	10¢

BIG RED ½ GAL. 45¢



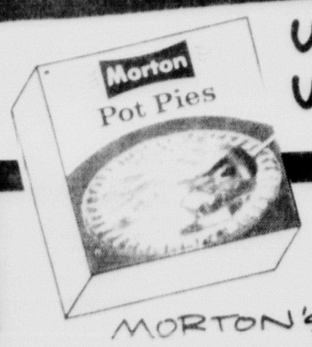
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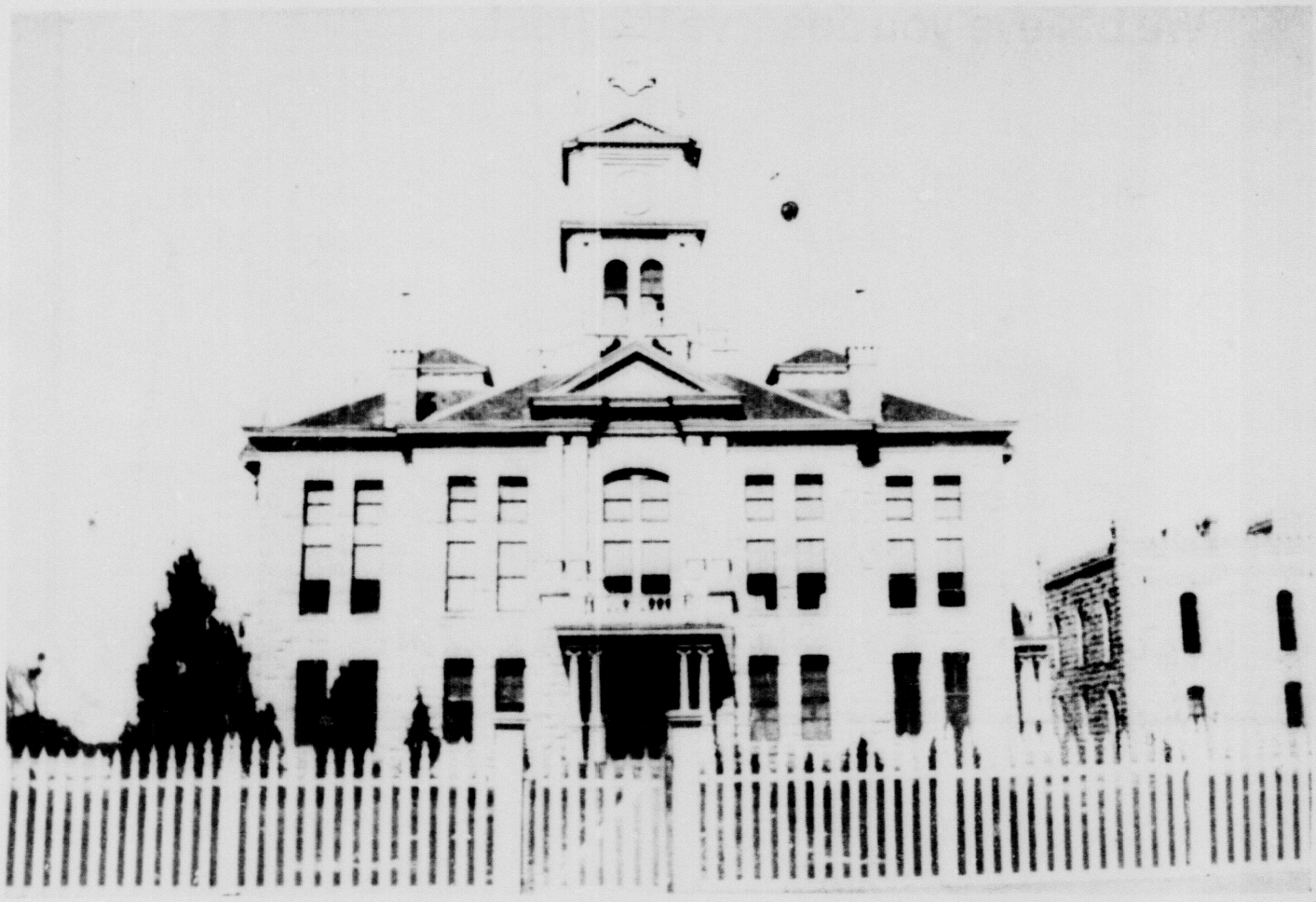
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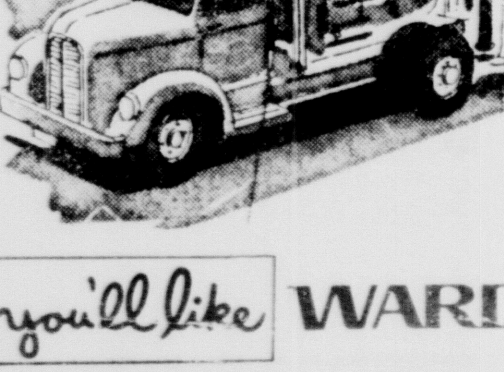
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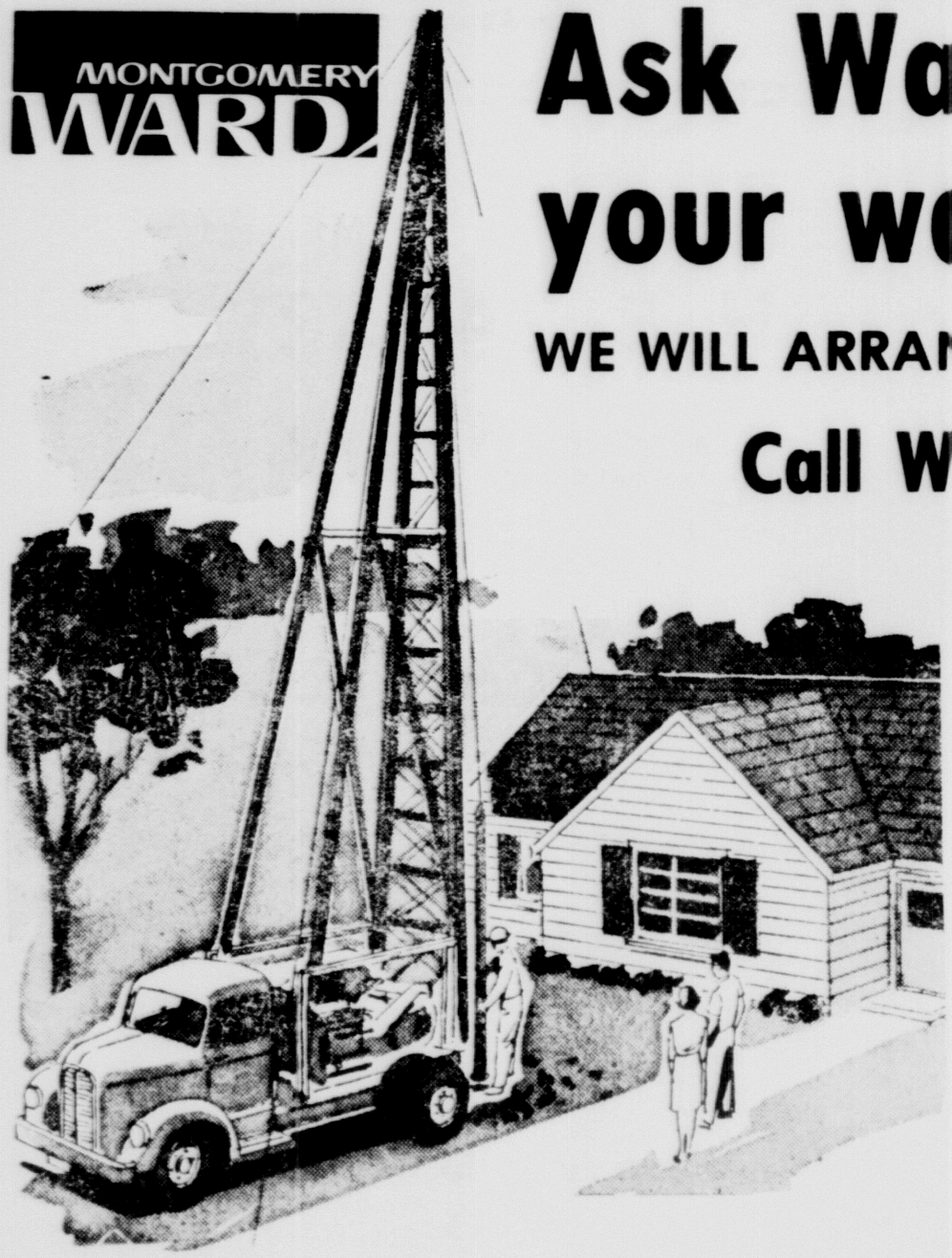
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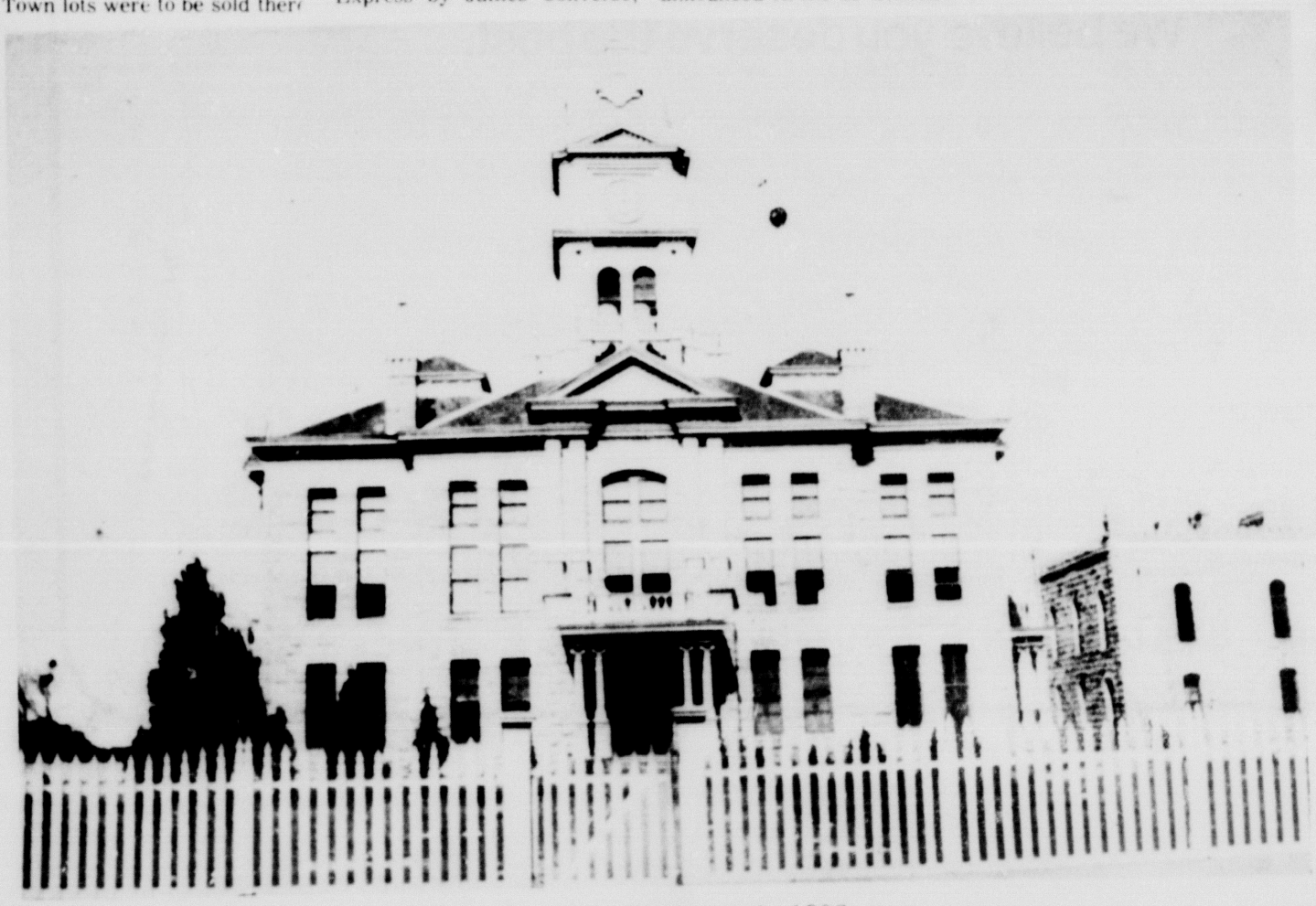
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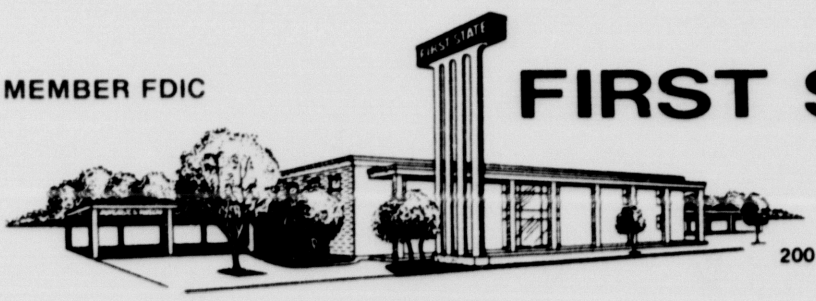
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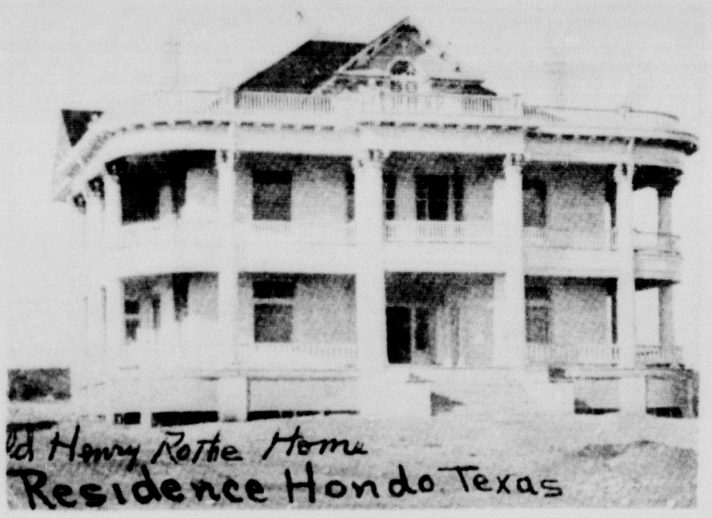
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D'Hanis one of Castro's ventures

Henry Castro's dream of a circle of villages had begun to materialize when, with Castroville flourishing and Quihi and Vandenburg established, he turned his attention to yet another venture, this time twenty-five miles west of his first colony.

D'Hanis (as the town was called after Guillaume D'Hanis, manager of the Colonization Society), was surveyed during the winter of 1846-47. Its first inhabitants soon took to the trail across the high grass plains west from Castroville to their new home.

First to arrive were Jean Batot and his young son Christian, laden with provisions, bedding, and tools. As spring progressed into summer, more groups continued to arrive until they numbered twenty-nine families, far short of Castro's expectations.

The day of the arrival of the last group of settlers was one which set the mood for the difficult days that lay ahead. Indians had robbed the camp of all the food they could find, and they had barely departed when word came of a family stranded on the trail from Castroville with worn-out draugh animals.

In their wagon, a child was dangerously ill. A party of settlers went out to aid the family and the group entered the camp about midnight. As the family arrived at their homesite, the child breathed her last. The family's name was Rudinger, and the girl became the first to be buried at D'Hanis. Her tombstone stands today at St. Dominic Cemetery.

In 1849, a military post was set up north of the town on the Seco Creek. Fort Lincoln was created to provide protection from the Indians on the frontier, and the security and new jobs that it afforded did much to insure the success of the colony of D'Hanis.

In 1881 with the coming of the Southern Pacific Railroad, a loading station was set up not in the town of D'Hanis, but more than a mile west. This caused the business center to be transplanted to the new site, and many residents followed the trend toward New D'Hanis.

Today, D'Hanis exists as two contrasting sides of the same coin. The business district with a bank, mercantile store, antique shop, lumber yard, and brick factory, is located in New D'Hanis (though the depot has been removed ironically for use as a barn at Old D'Hanis). But the old, picturesque rock dwellings and the ruins of old St. Dominic's Church all are located in the quiet but decaying township of Old D'Hanis.

The first regular session of the Commissioners Court in 1848 decreed the lines of three precincts: Precinct 1, north and south to the county line along the Medina River on the east, and west to the Francisco Perez Creek; Precinct 2, west of the Francisco Perez Creek to Hondo, north and south to the county line; Precinct 3, from the western county line east to the Hondo, north and south to the county line.

The Bexar District, which existed before Texas became independent and included present day Medina County, once reached the headwaters of the Rio Grande, what is now in Wyoming.

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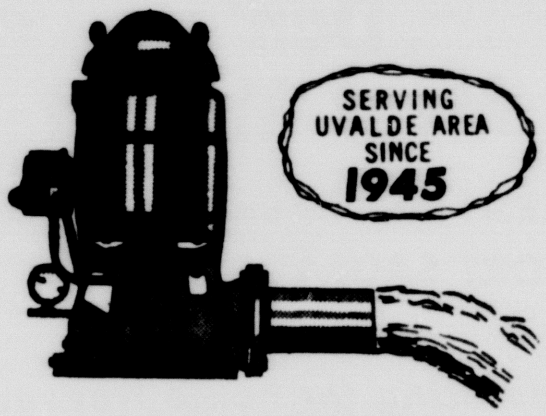
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County's growth steady

Population trends since the first census in Medina County in 1850 show that the county has grown steadily since that first head-count, which came two years after the official creation of the county.

In 1850 there were 909 residents. By 1860 the total had risen to 1,838.

By 1880, there were 4,492 Medina Countians and by the turn of the century, 7,783 people lived in the county.

A strange thing happened around the decade between 1910 and 1920. The population of 13,415 in 1910 dropped to only 11,679 by 1920. But the figure has risen steadily since then.

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Pearson was instrumental in the Medina Dam Project, which would provide flood control and irrigation water for a wide area including Medina County and portions of Bexar and Atascosa Counties.

When the monumental task of building the Medina Dam was underway a headquarters was set up for Bexar-Medina-Atascosa Counties Water Improvement District No. 1. The location of the headquarters needed to be near the junction of the boundaries of the three counties, in southeast Medina County.

The purpose of such a headquarters was to deal with the distribution of the millions of gallons of water which would be transported from the new lake by canal to aid irrigation in the three counties.

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What happened to Vandenburg?

Of all the original settlements of Medina County — Castroville, Quihi, Vandenburg and D'Hanis — three are still recognizable as communities (though D'Hanis has moved a mile west of the original location).

But whatever became of the other settlement, Vandenburg? Where was it?

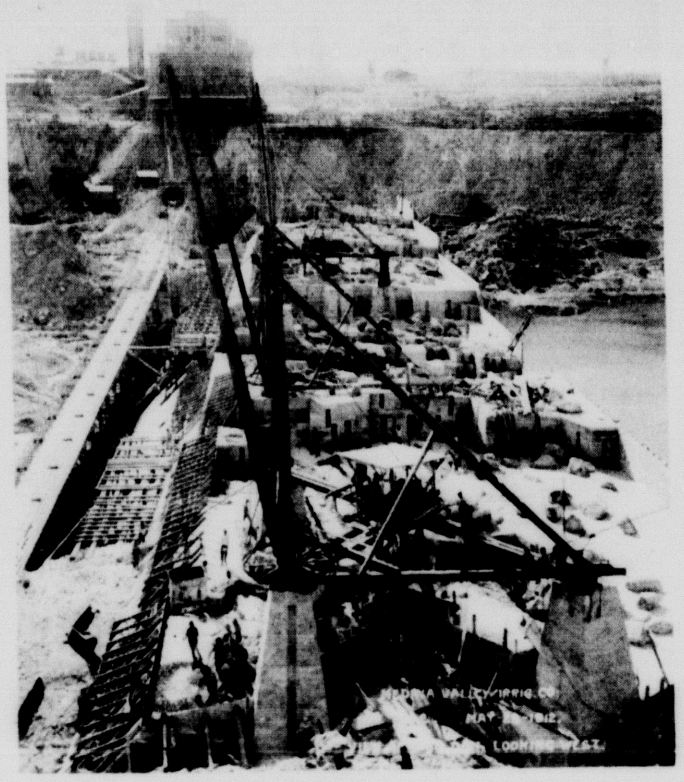
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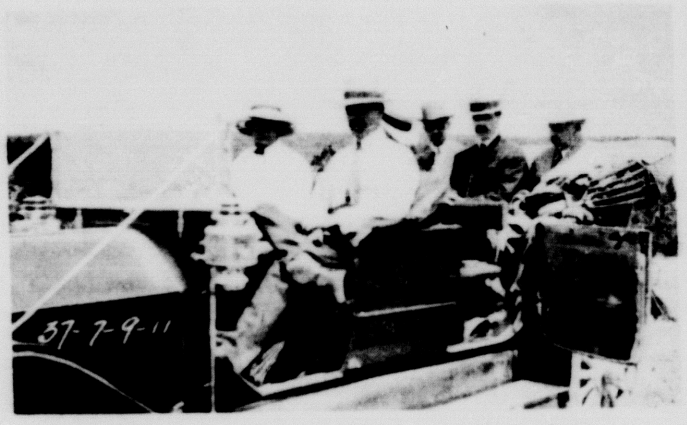
The citizens of Vandenburg had the same trials as those of Quihi and Castroville, but theirs was a more severe problem. For where Quihi was on a lake and Castroville was located on a strongly running stream, Vandenburg relied on the Verde for its water supply.

When a drought settled over the area in 1848, most of the population were forced to move three miles south to New Fountain. In fact, New Fountain was so named because a water supply existed there and the Vandenburgers moved to the water.

But not all of the people were persuaded to move. The Joseph Decker family remained to weather the drought. In the 1860's they built a fine stone house which was nothing short of a mansion for its time and place. The house still stands today, a monument to a lost settlement and a family that wouldn't give up.



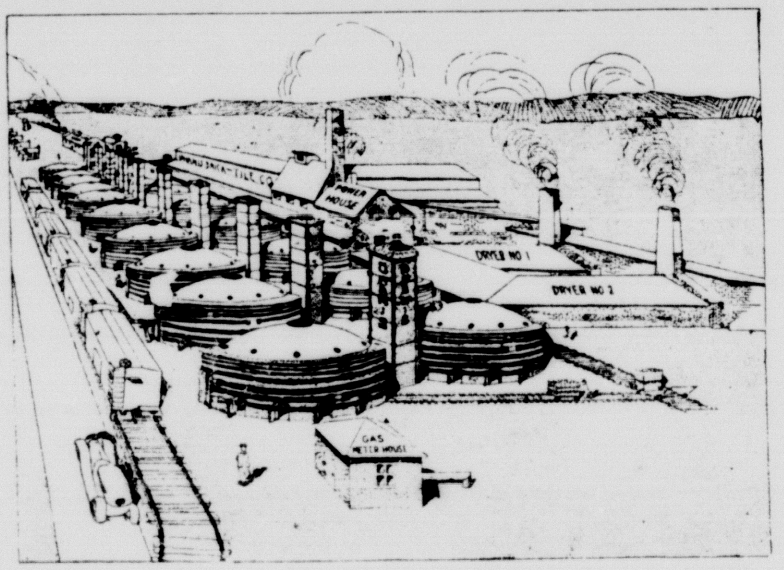
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An enterprising young soldier, who had probably read the 'Arabian Nights,' suggested the use of camels. So, anxious to find a winning combination, the Army sent to Arabia for a herd of camels and a few Arab camel-drivers.

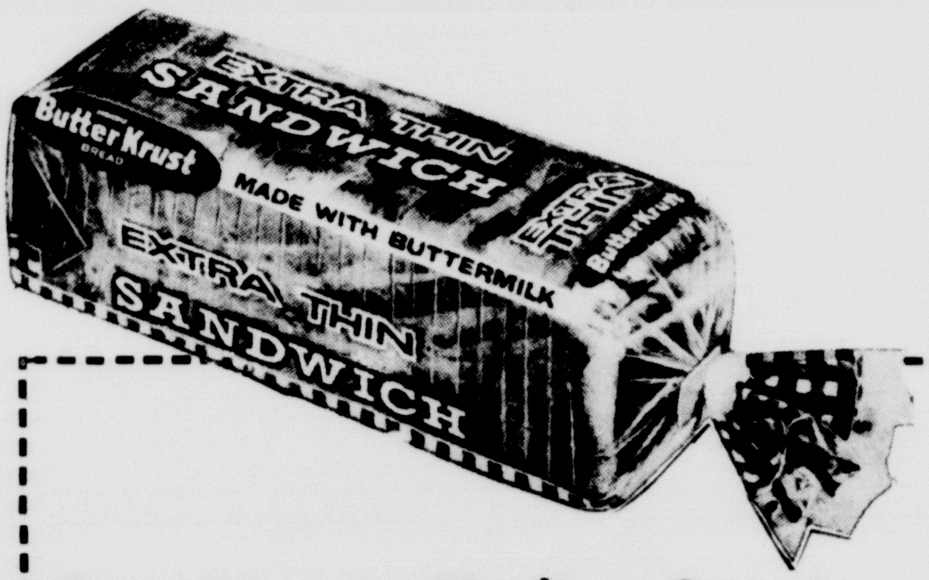
In 1856, seventy-six camels passed through Medina County en route to their proving grounds. One experimental camp was set up at Camp Verde, near present-day Kerrville. Others were to be tried in Arizona.

When the humpbacked train of drooling, bellowing, smelly new Army recruits passed through the settlements of Medina County, they quite understandable drove the domestic horses and cattle of the area into a stampeding fit. Farmers of the County weren't too happy with the motley collection of camels, soldiers, and Arabs either.

The upshot of the experiment was that camels were found to be fine on long, dry journeys, and they were gentle, strong creatures who were not afraid to work. But their toes got sore when they marched over flint rocks.

And Texas has more flint rocks than the Sahara has sand, as anyone knows.

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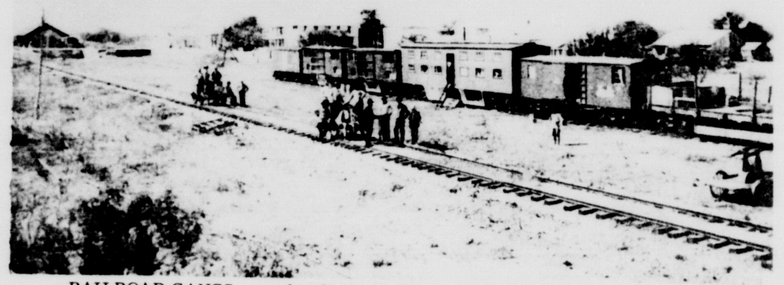
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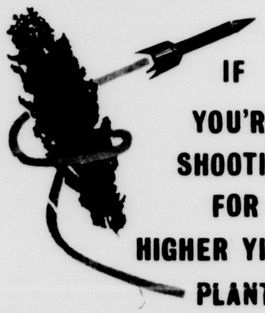
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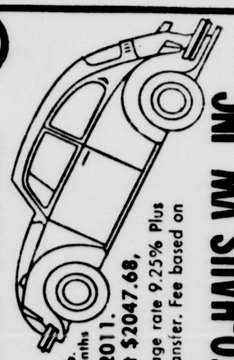
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Thomas J. Devine came to Texas in 1843. An ardent and influential secessionist, he had been instrumental in forcing the U.S. Army garrison at the Alamo in San Antonio to surrender at the outbreak of the Civil War.

Devine served during the war years as a Secessionist Commissioner on the Texas Committee of Public Safety, and was a district judge under the Confederacy. It was partly through his influence that a new railroad was planned, which would pass through Medina County.

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Whence name Medina is not definite

How was Medina County named? For the Medina River, of course. But why was this clear stream, alongside which Henri de Castro settled his first Alsatian community in Texas, already named Rio de Medina when Castro arrived?

The answer is not clear. The Texas Almanac states that the name could be in honor of Pedro Medina, a Spanish engineer and scholar of the 17th century.

Actually, the name of the Medina River, like those of all other area streams and lakes, was a desperate attempt by Spain to show the world that she was the sole owner of the vast uninhabited territory that was Texas in the 1600's.

Captain Alonzo DeLeon, a Spanish army officer, journeyed from Mexico to the Gulf coast in the year 1689. He had received word that a Frenchman named La Salle had set up a fort near Lavaca Bay.

As DeLeon pased through what is now Medina County, he gave unmistakably Spanish names to each stream he saw. Seco, meaning "dry;" Hondo, meaning "deep;" and Rio de Medina, for somebody. . .but De Leon's own diary never said for whom!

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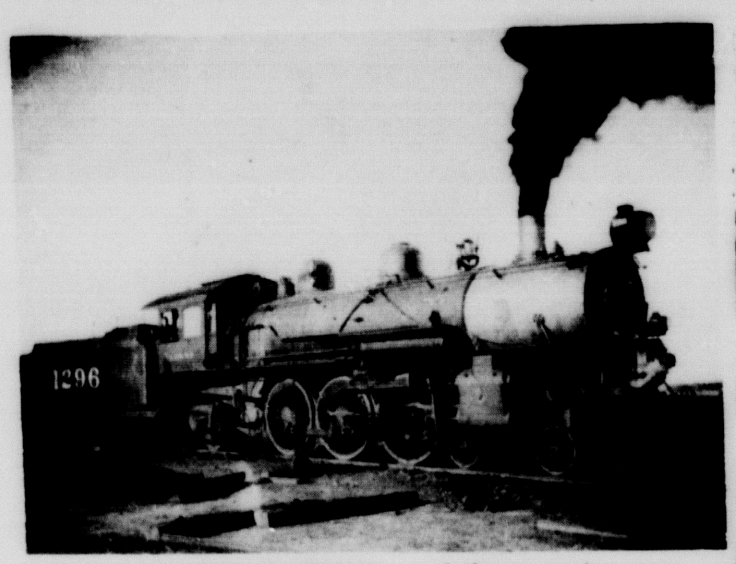
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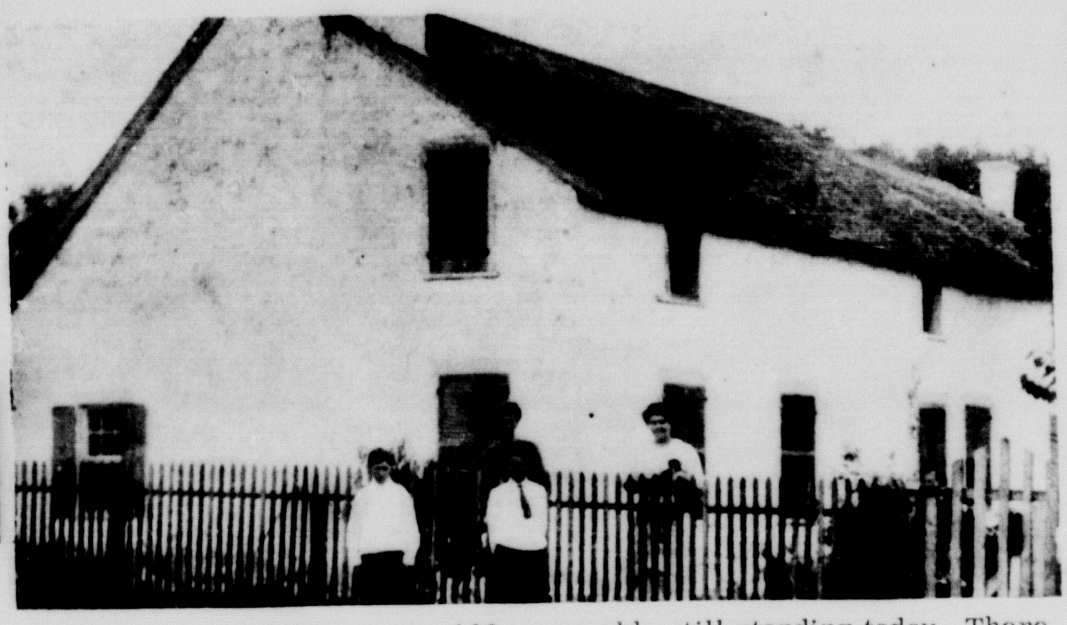
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Election in 1892 moved county seat to Hondo

The election which changed the county seat from Castroville to Hondo in 1892 was one of the classic elections in the history of the county since its founding.

Castroville, first settlement and largest town until the coming of the railroad, had been the county seat originally, and wished to hold onto the prestigious honor of housing the county courthouse.

Hondo, the new city built by the railroad and already outgrowing her older sisters, was anxious to have legal recognition of her dominance. Besides, she argued, the county seat should be nearest the geographical center of the County (and Hondo was).

Rolf Frerichs and an attorney named Blocher, both of Hondo, pushed for the change of the county seat.

Several elections were held, all unsuccessful. Then came the fateful poll of 1892

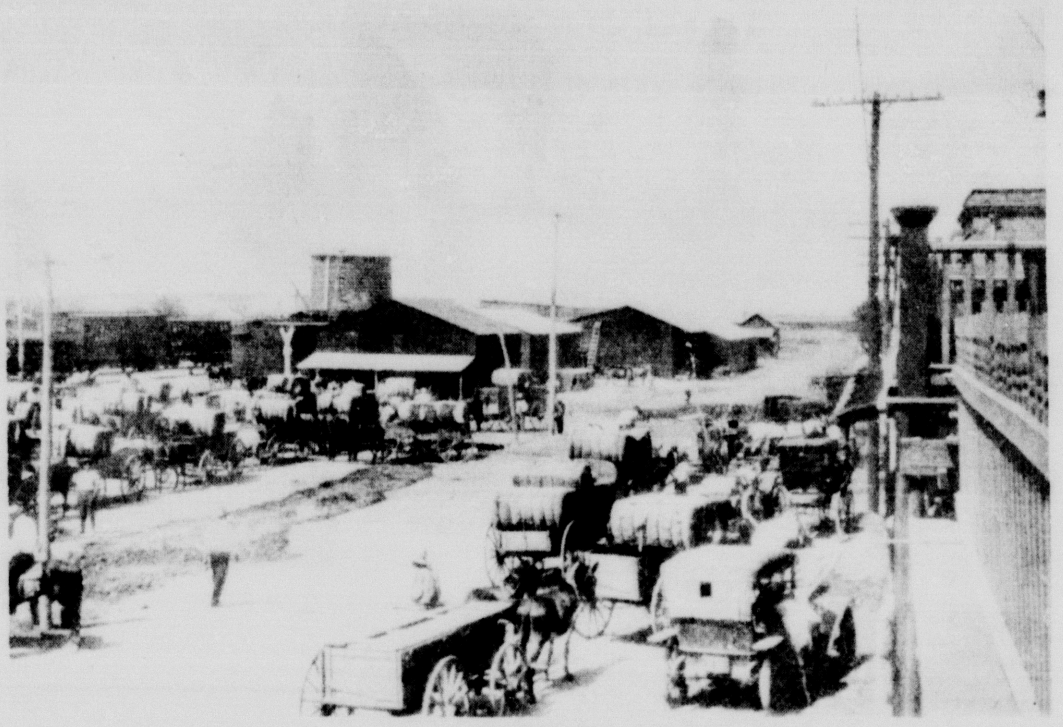
Campaigning was long-winded and bitter on both sides, as each side fought to present its case to the people of the county. Finally on August 27, 1892, the election was held.

Returns came in from each of the 13 county precincts of those days. When the votes were tabulated, it was found that eight of them had favored Castroville, and the other five had backed Hondo. The split was one of territory, with the two major cities voting for themselves, and other settlements voting for the city nearest them.

The tally was divided up in this way: Castroville, San Geronimo, Black Creek, Haass Settlement, Devine, Chacon, Verde, and Dunlay all voted for Castroville.

Clifden, Quihi, Hondo City, D'Hanis, and Tehuacana (later renamed Yancy) voted for Hondo.

Despite the vote by precincts, the popular vote swung the balance in favor of Hondo by a margin of 767 to 687, and the county seat moved 20 miles west.



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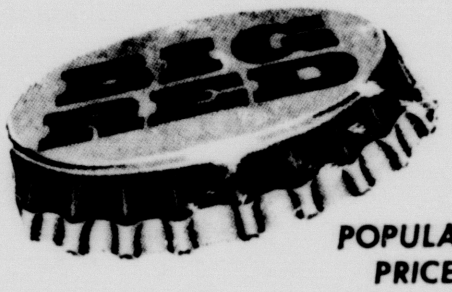
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Henri de Castro--was he empressario or shyster?

The stories of the earliest settlements of Medina County have one name in common — that of the empresario, dreamer or nineteenth century flim-flam man, Henri de Castro.

Castro, like others of his time, had great dreams for Southwest Texas. The French Count of Jewish extraction first came to the United States in 1827, and negotiated contracts in February of 1842 for two grants west of the Medina River. In return for the grant, Castro agreed to settle 600 families aroung Quihi Lake, so named for the "Quichi" (pronounced kee-chee), an eagle-like bird of the area.

Visiting his new grant, Castro crossed the Rio Medina and was so enchanted with it that he purchased the four miles between his original grant and this clear running stream.

It was on the banks of the Medina that Castro planted his first contingent of settlers. The year was 1844. Nearly two years before, this group of immigrants, hearing of the riches and the new life that would be theirs in Texas, abandoned their homes and families to board the sailing ship "Ebro" for the new world.

Now dwindled to 35 hardy survivors of the ship voyage and the long trek from Indianola by ox-cart, the first Alsatian settlers of southwest Texas founded a settlement and named it Castorville after the Count.

The settlers were pitifully unprepared for the struggle that awaited them. For Texas in those days was like their homeland two thousand years ago — vast, unsettled, and populated only by barbaric nomads who resented the coming of the new people.

They had little knowledge of firearms, and those who possessed an antiquated rifle found it inadequate for killing anything but birds in the new land.

They had no shelter, and were forced to live the first few critical years in rude huts of mesquite pickets packed with mud, with roofs of woven thatch.

For food, they had only what they could grow in fields which they cleared themselves. Of their produce, they kept only what they could protect from Indian depredations.

There were droughts. There were epidemics of diseases foreign to the familiar Old World. Worst of all, there was the isolation of being a day's ride across little-traveled wilderness from the nearest neighboring settlement, San Antonio de Bexar.

But of course the settlers triumphed, and in succeeding years more names were added to the roster of Castroville.

In 1845, Castro went to his original grant and founded the settlement of Quihi. In 1846, another contingent of settlers founded Vandenburg, and in 1847 the final link in the chain of Castro's dreamed-of circle of villages, D'Hanis, was established on the western frontier.

In November of 1844, Castro "was compelled to return to France" and took leave of his charges. The settlers in Castroville, having just arrived and unmindful of the harships that lay in future days, drafted a farewell speech which stated. . ."you have treated us like a liberal father. . .we take this occasion to express to you our ardent desire that you return soon among us to continue your paternal protection."

It would be interesting to read the text of the letter they might have drafted a year later, as they tried to survive in the "rich new land" to which Castro had delivered them.



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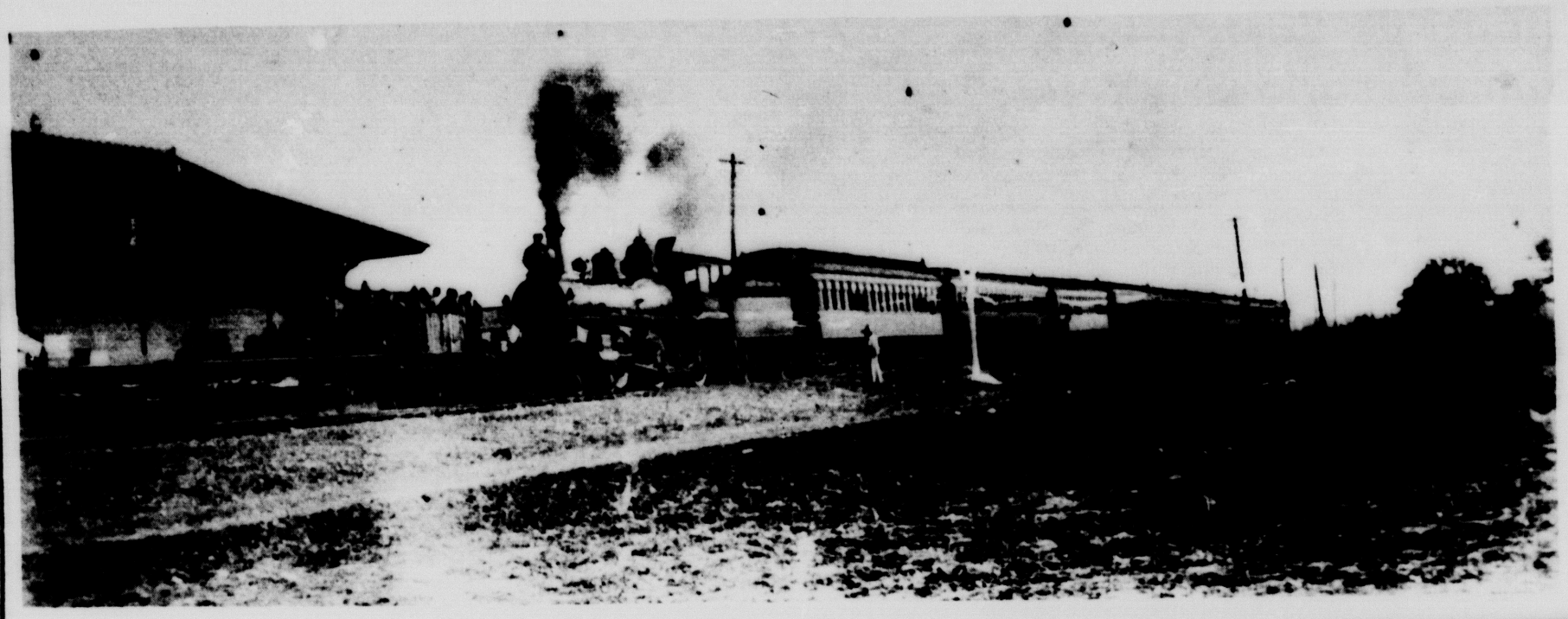
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But an article in October, 1881 Castroville Quill notes that the Switch Station was renamed LaCoste, in honor of Col. Jean B. LaCoste, a San Antonio business man and a French immigrant.

One story has it that the gentleman helped survey land around the site; another, that he passed through on the train and suggested the name himself.

At any rate, the name was in doubt for another decade. Some land deeds during the '80s and '90s refer to the town as "Fernando."

The Post Office settled the issue on New Year's Day in 1902, when the new office was transferred from the nearby settlement of Idlewild. From then until today, the town has been known as La Coste.

At least one other Medina County exists in the United States, in Ohio.



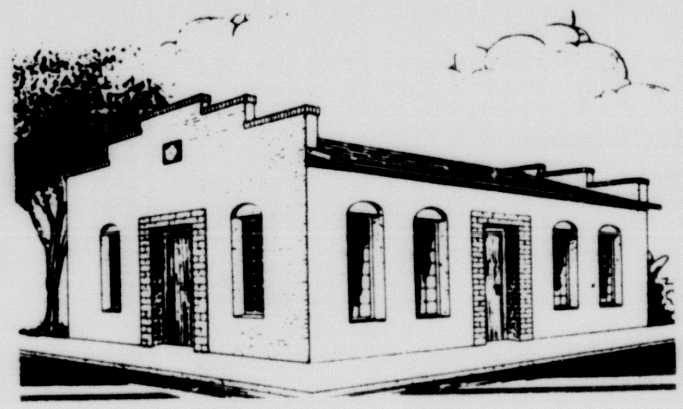
BASEBALL TEAM OF 1912... for Medina Dam played Hondo, and spectators rode to the dam in special train to watch.



WAITING ON A TRAIN... at the Dunlay Railroad depot. (Photo by O. B. Taylor.)

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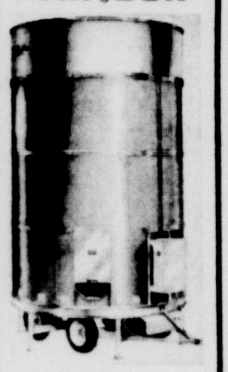
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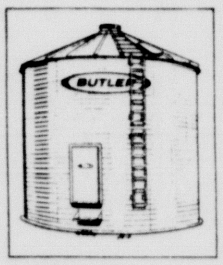


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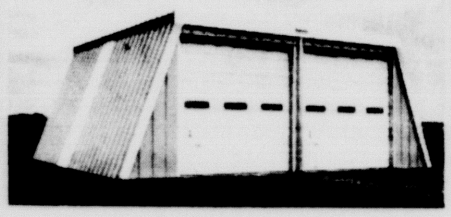
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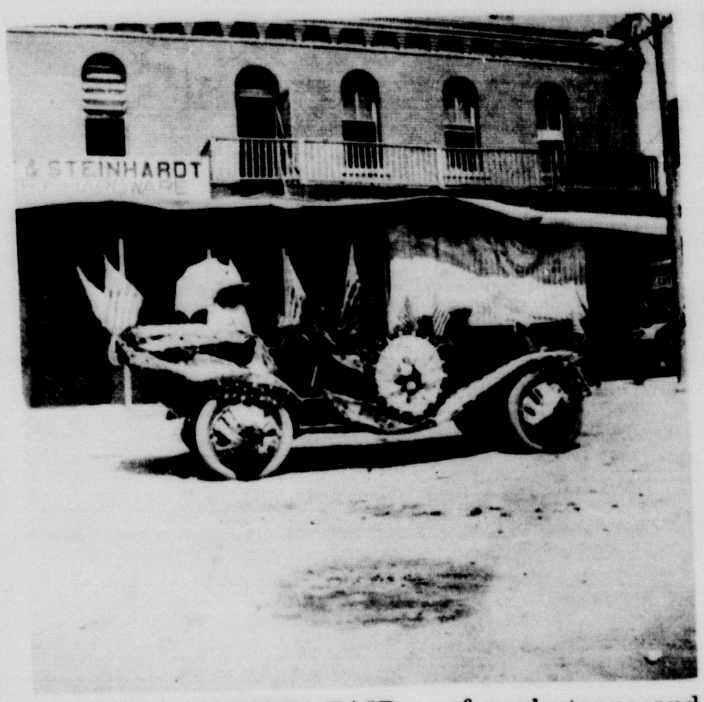
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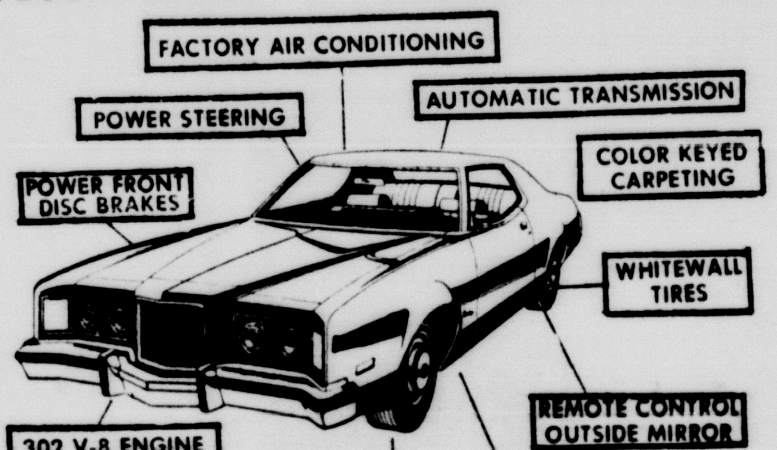
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History shows they had their share of trouble in those early years after Henri de Castro brought about 700 of them to the bend of the Medina River.

Ten years after Castroville was founded, an Indian arrow dropped a townsman in his own front yard; it neither the first nor the last of the Indian raids.

From time to time the little loop of river would forget its protective function and flood the town.

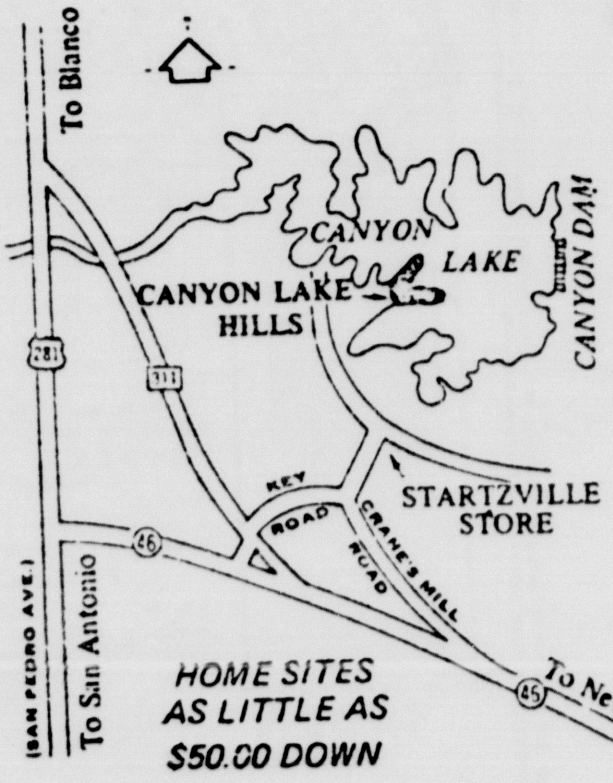
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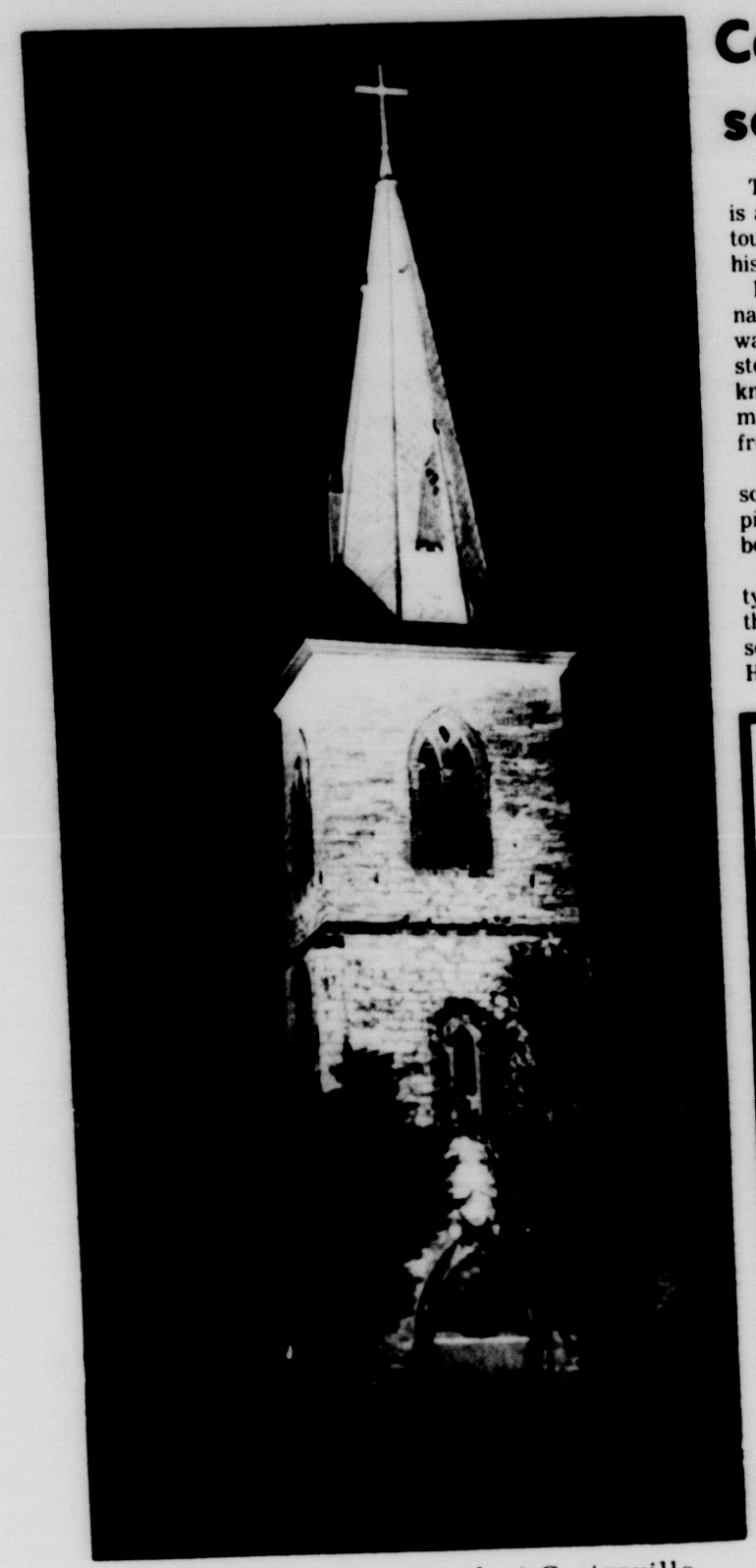


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The settlement of Castroville is a natural stopover today for tourists interested in the rich history of this area.

In the early days it was a natural stop on the trail westward from San Antonio, and its stores and taverns were well known to the freighter, cattlemen and Texas Rangers of the frontier.

Big Foot Wallace, the famous scout, lived down the river a piece and was a frequent — and boisterous — visitor.

Castroville became the county seat of Medina County and the original courthouse now serves the community as a City Hall.

Castroville slowed down at the turn of the Nineteenth century, as if to catch its breath. The Southern Pacific Railroad passed it by and the reasons this happened can be as varied as the people one talks with.

The county seat was moved to Hondo (the story goes that some zealous souls stole the records at night and raced the Townspeople to Hondo Creek), and Castroville finally voted itself out of incorporation — and out of official existence.

But it remained a trade center for fertile farming and ranching and when World War II came along, the automobile and the airplane brought a different story to Castroville — or was it a continuance of the same story after awaking from a long sleep?

The new story began in 1948 when it again incorporated, and has continued through today as a thriving, interesting city.

The present courthouse of Medina County has been remodeled twice since its construction in 1893. First, new wings were added to the east and west. In 1943, the dome and clocktower were removed, and the Courthouse took on its present appearance.

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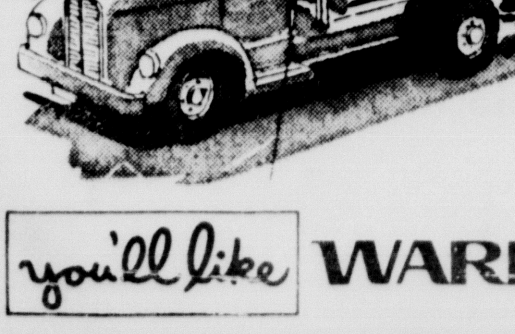
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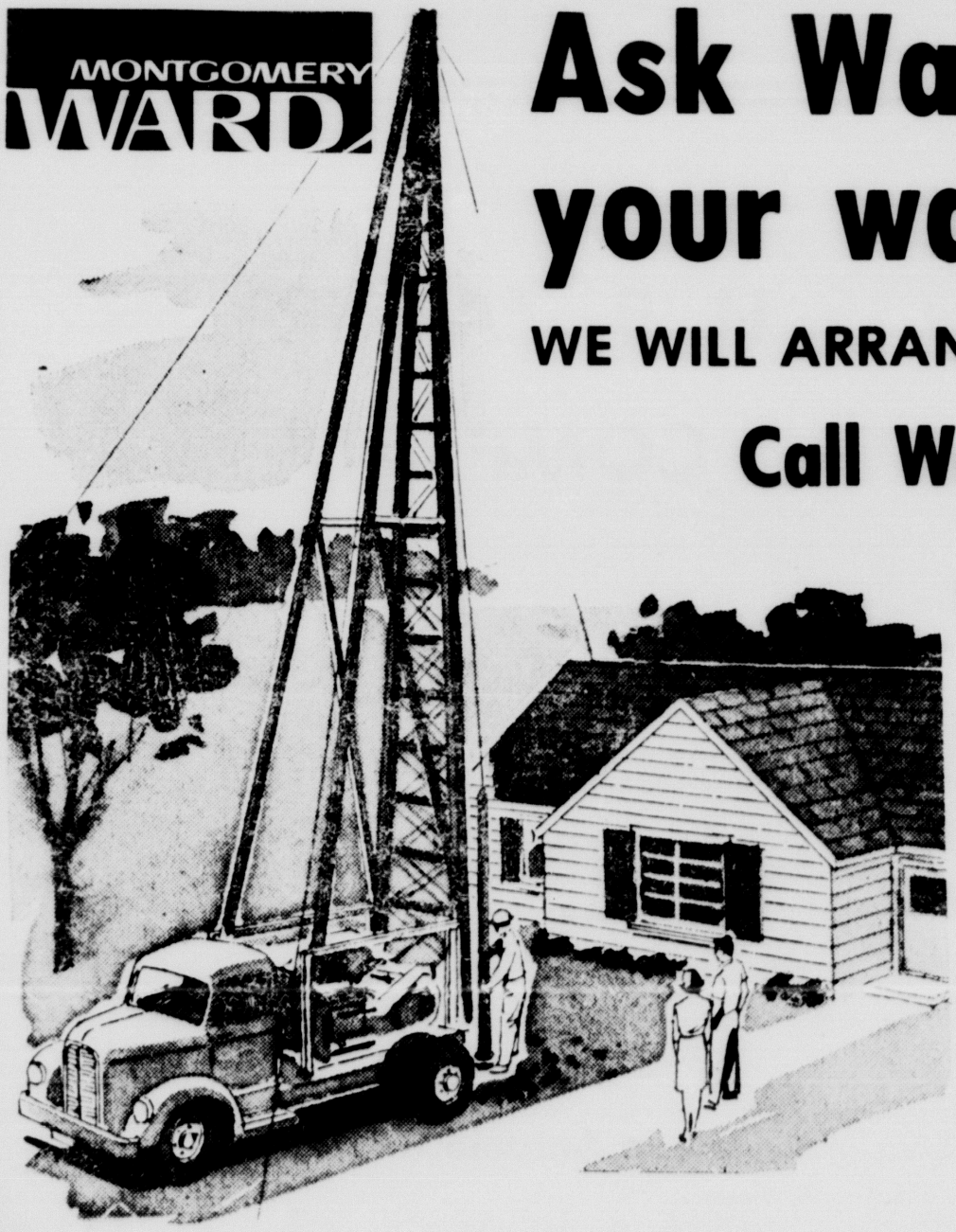
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